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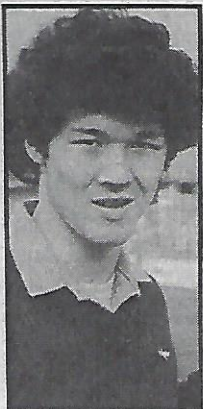
NSL champion St George Budapest, photographed early this year, from left, back row: Frank Lang (asst coach), Paul Wilkinson, Ken Wilson, Mike O'Shea, David Ratcliffe, Rob O'Shea, Terry Greedy, Frank Arok (coach). Robbie Slater, Dez Marton, Andrew Koozka, John O'Shea, Peter Stone, David Skeen, Mark Barton, Charlie Jurisic (masseur).

Victoria to get the Cup

By
LAURIE
SCHWAB

— but Arok plans his own series

1st It's Davidson or me, says Len McKendry



Alan Davidson

South Melbourne Hellas coach Len McKendry says he will quit if Alan Davidson returns to the club.

"As long as I'm there, he'll never play for Hellas again," McKendry said this week.

He claimed that while Davidson was "legally right" in leaving for trials with Bayern Munich and Arsenal yesterday (Tuesday), it was "morally wrong" for him to go just before Hellas's National Cup semi-final against Heidelberg-Alexander.

Davidson tried to delay his trip but was unable to. His flights and accommodation in Munich had been booked seven weeks previously.

"I feel sorry that I can't stay for the semi-final, but it was impossible to change everything," Davidson said before leaving. "The already had been one delay, caused by the series against England which meant the NSL had to be prolonged by a couple of weeks."

"I really wish Hellas the best of luck in the semi-final. I'm sure they'll win it and go on to take the Cup."

Because of his overseas trials, Davidson signed a contract tying him to Hellas only until the last league match of the season. The Hellas committee and McKendry have been aware of the situation all year.

If he is signed by Bayern Munich or Arsenal, he will emulate or even surpass the feats of Eddie Krncevic (ex-Croatia and Marconi) who's now with Dinamo Zagreb, and David Mitchell (ex-Adelaide Juventus and Sydney Hakoah) who's starring with Glasgow Rangers.

If McKendry sticks to the "It's him or me" threat, Hellas may lose one of Australia's greatest players even if he fails to get a contract overseas. That would be sad — LAURIE SCHWAB

The big date

The eight successful applicants for membership of the enlarged and regionalised NSL will be named in Sydney on November 5.

The draw for the 1984 competition will be announced on November 14.



2nd Sydney City Hakoah, from left, back row: Ken Boden, Steve O'Connor, John Kosmina, Gerardo Gomez, Tony Pazzano, Murray Barnes. Front: Kevin Mullen, Alex Robertson, Jim Cant, Joe Watson, Willie Murray, Paul Kay. Picture by PETER BARTA.



3rd Preston Makedonia, from left, back row: Zarko Odzakov, Isaac Farrell, Con Opasins, David Jones, Peter Ollerton, Richard Wilson, George McMillan. Front: Zoran Iliosi, Ljube Petrovski, George Campbell, Gordon Flavell, Claude Lucchesi. Picture by PETER BARTA.



4th South Melbourne Hellas, from left, back row: Arthur Xanthopoulos, Alan Davidson, Bobby Russell, Steve Blair, Ken Murphy, Doug Brown. Front: Charlie Egan, John Yzendoorn, Steve Wooddin, Carl Halford, Peter Laumets, Oscar Crino.

Frank Arok hopes Sydney Olympic and South Melbourne Hellas lose their National Cup semi-finals on Sunday.

Olympic meets Marconi at St George Stadium on Sunday, while Hellas meets Heidelberg-Alexander at Olympic Park.

"For the good of soccer, it would be best to have the two big giants — Olympic and Hellas — in the final, but from my own viewpoint, I'd like to see them losing," said Arok on Monday, after having guided St George Budapest to the NSL title — Saints' fifth honor in the three years since he returned to the club.

Arok and St George want to run a spectacular four-club tournament with prize money of \$6000 for the winner, \$3000 for the runner-up and \$1000 for third place.

It would be played in Melbourne and Sydney, either midweek or on two successive weekends, starting probably on November 5.

The catch is, that to make the tournament financially viable, it would have to include Hellas and Olympic.

"Heidelberg and Marconi wouldn't draw nearly as many people, so with them, it probably wouldn't be worthwhile — although if we had Olympic, we probably could go ahead with Heidelberg instead of Hellas. At least we'd have one of the big drawcards then," Arok said.

St George and probably Preston Makedonia would join the two losers of the National Cup semi-finals will contest the National Cup final in Sydney on November 6 and in Melbourne on November 13.

"I will be talking this week with the clubs we would like to have in the tournament, and I'll be hoping for the right results in the semi-finals," Arok said.

The tournament would be of tremendous benefit to the Socceros, because it would keep the top players match-fit.

Whatever happens in the semi-final, Victoria is well placed to gain revenge for Makedonia's eclipse in the league championship race.

Both Hellas and Heidelberg look stronger than Marconi and Olympic, meaning there is a very strong chance that the Cup will come to Melbourne — the first honor of any kind to come Victoria's way since the NSL started in 1977.

Heidelberg is undefeated for eight weeks, since Jim Tansey took over as player-coach, and Hellas has lost only two of its past 27 games under Len McKendry.

Olympic had a good result against Makedonia last Sunday, but that was Olympic's first victory since having beaten Makedonia five weeks earlier.



Frank Arok

Marconi, unsettled by the departure of coach Doug Collins, lost 1-3 to West Adelaide Hellas last Sunday.

St George meanwhile, will have to negotiate new contracts with all its players except Robbie Slater and Mark Barton whose present contracts carry over to next year.

The Saints received no bonus for winning the championship, whereas Makedonia had been offered \$1000 a man to win the title, and will receive \$750 each for having stayed in the top four.

"Our players would have paid to win the championship, rather than expect money themselves," Arok said.

It's been a memorable achievement by the Saints, who came from behind after trailing by 10 points at one stage.

They looked finished when they lost 0-4 to Marconi, but in the next 10 rounds, they won eight and drew two.

"We won the title in Brisbane and Melbourne," Arok said. "We won all our games in those two cities, except for the 1-1 draw with Makedonia."

Arok rejoined St George for the 1981 NSW State League season, after the club had been relegated from the NSL.

Under Arok, the Saints won the 1981 and 1982 NSW Ampol Cups, the 1981 NSW State League grand final, the 1982 NSL grand final and now the NSL championship.

They won promotion back to the NSL after finishing second to Croatia in 1981, and they lost the 1983 Ampol Cup final only on penalties.

It is their first championship since 1976, when they won the NSW State League title from APTA, Hakoah and Marconi.

Arok's last championship with St George was in 1972. He was back in Yugoslavia before returning for the 1981 season.

Warsaw star for Polonia

Polonia (Vic) has applied for immigration papers for a top-class Polish striker, Grzegorz Lech, 28, from Polonia Warsaw. He played previously with Polonia Warsaw and Legia Warsaw.

Polonia also boasts 1983 Rothmans Medalist Stefan Mile and brilliant full back Mirok Smolarek.

IN SYDNEY

National Cup semi final: Sydney Olympic v Marconi at St. George Stadium, Sunday 3pm.

IN MELBOURNE

Cups triple bill at Olympic Park, from 12.40 pm Sunday.

Armstrong Cup final: Ajax v Thomastown

National Cup semi-final: SM-Hellas v Heidelberg-Alexander

Dockerty Cup final: Croatia v Box Hill.

Likely teams and shirt numbers for the National Cup semi-finals:

SM-HELLAS

1. Peter LAUMETS			
2. Bobby RUSSELL	3. Arthur XANTHOPOULOS	4. Steve BLAIR	13. John YZENDOORN
6. Carl HALFORD	8. Oscar CRINO	7. Ken MURPHY	
10. Doug BROWN	14. Charlie EGAN	9. Steve WOODDIN	

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER

1. Jeff OLVER			
2. Ian McKIE	5. Don MACLEOD	10. Charlie YANKOS	3. Jim TANSEY
7. Theo SELEMDIS	8. Jim CAMPBELL	6. Mike VALENTINE	
19. Derek LEA	16. Gary COLE	9. Scott PATTERSON	

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

1. Gary MEIER			
4. Mike COADY	5. Ricky HERBERT	6. Tony DAKOS	7. Gary PHILLIPS
8. Jim PATIKAS	10. Peter KATHOLOS	3. Graham JENNINGS	
11. Terry PATALIS	9. Marshall SOPER	12. Mark KOUSSAS	

MARCONI

1. Bruce JAMES			
2. Jovan DJORDJEVIC	5. Tony HENDERSON	6. Steve CALDERAN	3. Vic BOZANIC
11. Ian HUNTER	4. Tommy McCULLOCH	8. Tommy SERMANI	7. Atti CARBONE
	9. Rod BROWN	10. Steve WINN	

CUPS BONANZA IN

McCulloch, Winn, Katholos, Soper the key players

By TOMMY SERMANI,
Marconi asst. coach

Olympic is a dangerous side coming forward, but I believe they're down a bit and lacking confidence. If we respond properly, we'll make the final.

It would be a big thrill for me, as I'm in my first season with Marconi, since joining from the U.K. where I played for Albion Rovers, Blackpool, Torquay and Dunfermline.

Tony Henderson was appointed stand-in coach last week, with me as his assistant, after Doug Collins left.

Doug had the option of staying until the end of the season, but it would have been an impossible situation for him, seeing as the committee already had decided that Les Scheinflug should take over for 1984.

Doug's greatest contribution to the club was the way he helped develop our young players — Tommy McCulloch, Rod Brown, Joe Rizzotto, Rene Licata, Steve Calderan, Atti Carbone etc.

The young players matured under him, and the team spirit reached a peak.

In the past few weeks, everything really has come together for us and Doug leaves with the respect of every player at Marconi.

But having said that, there's no way our spirit will be affected by his departure. The professional approach he instilled in us demands that we go out there and give it everything we've got.

We'll beat Olympic, believe me.

As I said, Jim Patikas, Peter Katholos and Marshall Soper make Olympic a very dangerous attacking team but we've got the ability to contain them.

Not that we're going to change our usual playing pattern to counter them. We never change our game, no matter who we play against. If we go out and play to our full ability, Olympic will be defending against us, rather than vice-versa.

As for team selection, it's too early to say.

Steve Calderan and Ricky Budini both are vying for the stopper's position. It was Calderan who played against



Doug Collins — replaced as Marconi coach

St. George two weeks ago, after Budini had been in the team for quite a few weeks previously.

Ian Hunter and Rene Licata both are in line for the right flank position, and up front, Mark Jankovics, Steve Winn and Rod Brown are three men gunning for only two vacancies.

Over the season, Tony Henderson has been in defence, particularly in the latter half.

He'll lead a winning defence against Olympic on Sunday.

Tommy McCulloch had a lean spell in the middle of the season, but came good again, and he can be proud of the progress he's made in midfield.

Bruce James, the goalkeeper, is another who's excelled.

They all will have a decisive influence on the game, but I believe four men more than any other, hold the fate of the match in their hands — McCulloch and Winn for Marconi, and Soper and Katholos for Olympic.

One of the four can turn the match single-handedly. I believe McCulloch will win the other semi-final, and that would suit Marconi fine, for we've beaten Heidelberg twice this year.

Having missed out on the championship, Hellas will be down a bit this week, and I believe that will act against them in the semi-final.

Heidelberg's on a high, and I reckon they'll spring a surprise.

So as far as I'm concerned, it's Marconi and Heidelberg for the final.



Sydney Olympic stars Gary Phillips (left) and Jim Patikas, getting the better of Footscray J.U.S.T.'s Ken Taylor (centre).

We can save our necks if we win the big one

By PETER KATHOLOS
Sydney Olympic

The National Cup has been Olympic's only aim for the past month or more. No matter who we were playing in the league, everyone was hammering into us that the Cup is all the really counts.

With nothing else available to us in the way of honors, the big Cup can save our necks after what has been a disappointing season for Sydney Olympic.

Fans who come to see me in my shop have been saying: "It doesn't matter that you've had a bad season. If you win the Cup, no-one will care about that. It will be swept under the carpet."

So let's have a look at the semi-final against Marconi on Sunday.

First, we have to consider that Marconi changed its coaching setup last week.

Doug Collins is out, and Tony Henderson and Tommy Sermani are sharing the coaching duties until Les Scheinflug takes over officially.

But even though Scheinflug hasn't been installed yet, I reckon he's in there nevertheless, acting perhaps as "advisor".

Collins did a good job with Marconi, but Henderson and Sermani also will get the best out of the players, because they have their respect.

Morale in the team will remain high, and of course, Marconi has a few danger men we'll be watching closely.

Rod Brown, for example, can put away any half-chance, and Tommy Sermani does a lot of midfield work, so we'll have to stop his supply to the forwards. The defence is excellent. Vic Bozanic on the left, gets himself forward often, and he has a powerful shot that can threaten our goal, so whoever plays on our right wing will have to watch him closely. The same applies on the other side, where Marconi's right back, Jovan Djordjevic, is thoroughly unpredictable and extremely explosive because of his speed.

As for Olympic, our record may not look good on paper over the past few weeks, but against Heidelberg, for example, we played quite well even though we lost 1-4.

Heidelberg got three of their goals in a five-minute period — and they were crazy goals, believe me. We, on the other hand, created lots of scoring chances without managing to put them away. Mark Koussas had two easy ones, Terry Patalis another.

Even I had a reasonably good game that day, according to my coach, Manfred Schaefer, and it's no secret that my form had slipped a little bit.

Ricky Herbert will be back in our defence on Sunday, having returned from his commitments with the New Zealand national team. His confidence is sky-high, as New Zealand qualified for the Olympic soccer tournament. Herbert didn't play in our last league game, against Makenzie, due to a knee injury. Now that he's back, Mike Coady probably will switch from central defence to right back, meaning Arthur Svinos may be on the bench.

Graham Jennings has been doing very well since moving from left back to the midfield about four or five weeks ago. He gets more opportunity to attack now, and support our strikers, Marshall Soper and Mark Koussas.

They haven't played many games together, so their understanding hasn't been as good as it could be, but I'm sure they both will be jumping out of their skins on Sunday. And Soper has, of course, shown throughout the league, how dangerous a striker he is. Koussas proved his own worth often enough. Although he's been in and out of the team this year, he's ready to show his best.

I reckon we'll play it safe — at least early on — meaning our full backs probably will stay back, until we see how the game pans out.

Certainly we don't want to take any chances until we've settled into our rhythm.

Olympic always has done well against Marconi. Don't ask me why. It's just one of those things. There's something about the atmosphere, the occasion, that makes us feel confident.

As for the other semi-final, my tip is that South Melbourne Hellas will beat Heidelberg-Alexander, because Hellas has more composure. Heidelberg, although a much improved team under Jim Tansey, is not organised as well as Hellas.

The match will be decided in midfield — and despite the absence of Alan Davidson who is overseas for trails with Bayern Munich and Arsenal — the midfield trio of Oscar Crino, Carl Halford and Ken Murphy are talented enough to overpower their opponents. Theo Selemdis, Jim Campbell and Mike Valentine.

In other words, it will be a Hellas v Olympic final, and Olympic will win the Cup!

Armstrong triumph for Ajax?

Green Gully Ajax is favorite to win the 1983 Armstrong Cup when it clashes with Metro Second Division outfit Thomastown at Olympic Park on Sunday in the first match of a triple header.

Green Gully Ajax has won the Armstrong Cup once — in 1978 — while Thomastown is yet to clinch the trophy. Thomastown last week won its protest against its 2-3 loss to Northcote in the semi-finals of the Armstrong Cup, prompting Northcote manager-coach Tony Vrzina

to hit out at what he described as "an archaic cup rule".

"Young Jimmy Constantinou, who is only 15, played and scored against Thomastown but was judged to be an ineligible player as he hadn't played seven league games in the reserves this season," said Vrzina.

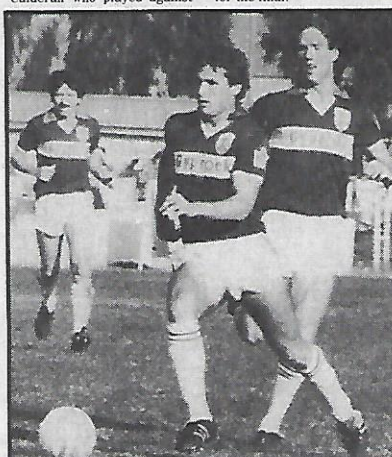
"This rule was brought in a few years ago to stop clubs stacking their Armstrong Cup teams with regular senior players and from that point of view the rule is good."

"However, there must be provision made to allow clubs to play junior players in reserve league and cup games. That is an essential part of the development of these youngsters and this rule prevents that development."

"We dropped three of our regular reserve players in order to give our youngsters a taste of cup soccer against Thomastown in our semi-final and now, because we want to promote juniors, we have been made to suffer."

"I understand the rule. We won't be appealing against the verdict, but the rule has to be amended immediately to allow juniors not cup-tied in the Dockerty Cup, to take part in the Armstrong Cup."

Northcote not only lost the chance to meet Green Gully Ajax in the Armstrong Cup final this year, it also was fined \$100 for playing an ineligible player.



Three of Marconi's deadly weapons, from left: Tommy Sermani, Tommy McCulloch and Rod Brown.

Holland Park

Victorian club Holland Park is organising a benefit day on Saturday at Burnley Oval, Swan Street, Richmond, for 31-year old midfielder Envor Yahya, who was seriously injured in a car crash in September.

The benefit day kicks off at 11am with a match between former Holland Park players. Holland Park and Waverley City reserves clash at 12 noon.

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MELBOURNE AND SYDNEY

Campbell and Selemidis in peak form

By SAM GOULOPOULOS,
Heidelberg president

We're going out there to entertain, not to make fools of the soccer public. We'll do our best and we'll give people value for money too. To be honest, I'm very, very confident that we'll beat Hellas.



Sam Gouloupoulos
Australian squad for the Merlion Cup proves my point.

And I reckon that if Micky Valentine had done better in the first half of the season, then he would have been in the Australian squad too.

All the lads are doing well right now. Jim Campbell's back to his best, Donny McLeod is playing really well and Theo Selemidis hasn't looked back in the past eight weeks.

Kenny Morton was easy to get on with but he didn't win us games. That's why he had his services terminated. I think some of the positional moves Kenny made were open to question. Scotty Patterson never will be a central striker.

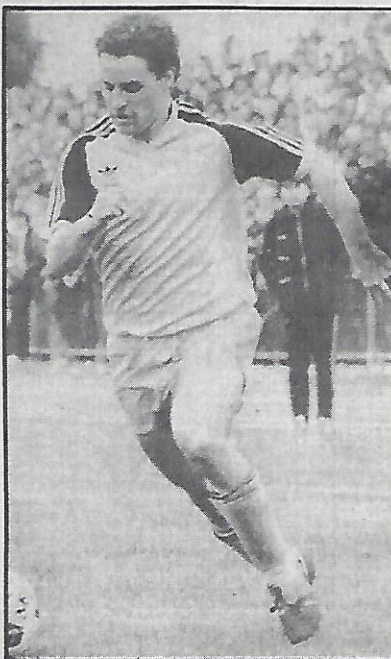
We all knew that Scotty's best at playing on the left, coming from deep positions. That's what he does well, and I'll go as far as to say that within 12 months, he could become the top player in Australia in that role.

I think that when we parted company with Kenny, he knew that he wasn't getting through to the players. I was having problems motivating them.

The committee came up with a few names to replace Kenny as coach but I didn't want to bring in an outsider, someone who didn't know the players. Jimmy Tansey and Gary Cole were well known and most importantly, very well respected. They've got the players' spirits high. Our players always have had the ability. I never doubted that and the honor of having three of our players selected in the

I'm looking forward to being president again next year. It's going to be a new ball game in 1984 and that excites me. I'm really hoping that the new league set-up sparks more interest in the game. I think that it will be at first, because we'll have more local derbies and therefore bigger crowds. I think we'll see big things happening next year, especially at Heidelberg.

We're going to beat Hellas on Sunday, you know. They're going to start hot favorites, and that's good for us. The psychological pressure will be on them. Sure, they're a good side. I'm not denying that, but our team effort and the spirit among our players will be too hot for them on the day. We're the more united team. United by name, united by nature.



Heidelberg striker Derek Lea — goals galore, but he's going back home to Scotland.



Hellas goal machine Doug Brown powers past Kevin Mullen of Sydney Hakoah

Cup victory to round off a great season

By LEO ANEZAKIS,
Hellas president

Both teams are in form, Hellas has had good results for about 15 weeks now, while Heidelberg has done well in the past eight weeks. This will be a very fast, exciting game and the results will be close but we'll win because we have the better team.

Our supporters are really looking forward to this match. It's important to the players, to our coach Len McKendry, to me and my committee, that we do well in this Cup. Since we went into the National League back in 1977, we've only won one honor — the 1982 Ampol Cup. If we can beat Heidelberg then I'm very confident that we'll go well in the final.

We went into the National League expecting instant success which never materialised. The team we've built this year is based upon players bought on the local market. They have already established themselves in this country and that's important. In the past, we'd bring out players from overseas and virtually demand that they perform. It doesn't work that way. Everything takes time.

We've got 13 good players. We need maybe another one or two for next year. That's all.

We've done well financially this year. We've paid off many bills. Creditors don't wait nowadays, you know. But I'm very happy with the way things have gone for me, as president for the first time, and my new committee. From the start of the year everyone was enthusiastic. We bought good players and we all were happy and excited about our prospects.

I was a bit disappointed though, at the way we played in the Ampol Cup. I started to think: well, maybe we've got too many new players and it will take some time before they combine well.

We won a few league games by big margins and lost a couple by big margins too. I started to worry. Maybe we're not using the right system, I thought. Maybe we're not concentrating on defence the way we should be.

When we lost five goals to Newcastle I watched the defence closely. Our players always seemed to be caught on the wrong side of Newcastle's forwards, rather than being goal-side. Tommy Docherty, John Margaritis and even Manny Poulakakis used to say you start by worrying about the defence and once you're happy you start to worry about making goals. I thought that Rasic was concentrating too much on attack.

I started to worry about finishing on the bottom of



Leo Anezakis

the league. That would have been a disaster for the club and for my committee. We have gone from getting 15,000 spectators at one game to getting just 1,500 at another game. This was my first year as president. I didn't want to fail.

That's why I got McKendry as coach. He's very dedicated. He loves the game and he works very hard and he wants to achieve. I like that in a man.

McKendry is a gentleman too. But he can be tough on the players if he has to be. They know that and they respect his knowledge of the game. If they are having problems on the field, they know that they can go to him and he will be able to tell them and show them what they're doing wrong.

Some people aren't happy with me and my committee. I've heard all about the rumours. About some people saying that they are going to go for the presidency and all that sort of rubbish. First people have to get a petition from about 60 percent of the members. Then they can hold a meeting and try to change the constitution. Then they have to arrange another meeting to hold elections. I've been voted in as president for a two year term remember. Anyway, I don't think there will be any big changes. This is just talk by a few people who want to make trouble. For what reason, I wouldn't know.

This has been a tremendous year for the club. We had worries at the start but we've finished the season in great style. And I'm confident that we can do well in the National Cup.



Hellas midfielder wizard Oscar Crino.

Don't get too cocky, Croatia

By
Craig MacKenzie

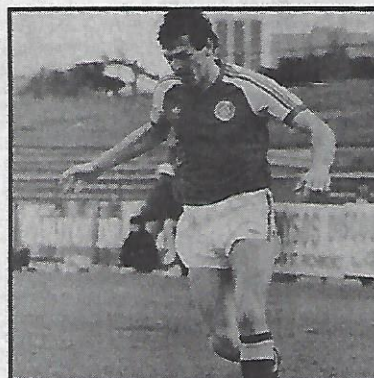
Melbourne Croatia goes into Sunday's Dockerty Cup final against Box Hill as the shortest priced favorite for years and should justify its low odds by accounting for its plucky but outclassed opponent.

Box Hill's hurdle seems insurmountable. How can the Hillmen cope with the brilliance of Croatia's midfield quartet of Josip Biskic, Jozo Antolovic, Jeff Faulkner and Steve Gojovic?

But let's pause to pay respect to Box Hill. It's about to finish its first season back in State League since 1972 and what a fine season this club has had. No club in State League can boast a development program as effective as Box Hill's. Without the financial resources of Croatia, the Wembley Park outfit has nurtured young talent and now is recognised as one of the best breeding grounds in the state.

Croatia will be well advised not to take Box Hill lightly. If Croatia shows the same discipline and commitment it has shown over the past few weeks, it will win. If it gets cocky, it will struggle.

Biskic is at the peak of his form. Croatia fans love his cheeky skills and he now has the confidence to part with the ball whenever he chooses. However, a word of warning. In the second half of last week's semi-final against



Croatia striker David Brogan — one of the main threats to Box Hill in the Dockerty Cup final on Sunday.

Ajax, Biskic became a bit too arrogant and was dispossessed. He was holding possession too long using his body to fend off opponents, and was robbed a couple of times. Ajax isn't the only team in State League which hits and hits hard. Box Hill can be tough too. Especially midfielder Richard Miranda.

Miranda surely will be in the starting line-up on Sunday. He was on the bench last weekend and apart from coming on and scoring the winner against Ringwood Wilhelmina, his presence in midfield lifted the Hillmen. He has a powerful shot, an asset which could be put to good use here from set-piece situations.

Box Hill has been using corner-kick situations well over the past few weeks. Central defenders Lawler and Brownlie have been going forward with Lawler positioning himself at the near post and Brownlie at the back post, giving the corner taker two options — either play the ball to the near post, looking for a Lawler head-on or try to pick out big Brownlie at the back post.

Cup finals have a tradition of upsets and it would be the shock of the season if Box Hill beat Croatia. However, Croatia has the better players and is every bit as well organised. Croatia should win.

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VSF HONORS KNOX

Victorian club Knox City will be officially presented with the 1983 Metropolitan League Cup by VSF secretary George Wallace, at the Knox City shopping centre this Friday at 7.15pm.

Knox won the cup by defeating Nunawading City 2-1 in the final recently, at Croydon Park, and Knox now is making a determined bid for inclusion in the 1984 State League.

BORAL BRICKS

Doug Brown of South Melbourne Hellas wins the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorer award after notching two against Brisbane Lions at Richlands at Sunday.

Brown finishes the season with a total of 16.

Marshall Soper (Olympic) and John Kosmina (Hakoah) both made valiant efforts to overtake Brown in the last round, scoring one and two goals respectively.

They finish in second place, with 15 goals each.

Phil O'Connor (Wollongong) won the Boral Bricks \$1500 best player award last week, with a match to go.

Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg) was too far behind to catch him at that time, but he nevertheless put on a best-on-ground performance last Sunday, to finish only two votes behind O'Connor.

This week's votes:
b. HEIDELBERG-ALEXAN-

DER 2 (Selemidis, Lea) NEW-CASTLE KB UNITED 1 (Lowe) at Olympic Village. Crowd about 2500. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6 Yankos (H), 5 Lea (h), 4 Patterson (H), 3 Tansey (H), 2 Selemidis (H), 1 Tredinnick (N).

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (Lujic) APIA-LEIGHARDT 1 (Morsello) at Schintler Reserve. Crowd 1500. Votes by Peter Desiara:

6 Paton (JUST), 5 Karic (JUST), 4 McDowell (JUST), 3 P. Tredinnick (APIA), 2 Morsello (APIA), 1 O'Donnell (JUST).

BRISBANE LIONS 2 (Daunt, J. Stewart) SOUTH

MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (D. Brown 2) at Richlands. Crowd about 600. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6 Niven (BL), 5 Crino (SM), 4 Davidson (SM), 3 J. Stewart (BL), 2 Vincent (BL), 1 Russell (SM).

CANBERRA ARROWS 2 (Gibson, MacLaren) SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 5 (Kosmina 2, Boden pen., Watson, Kay) at Bruce Stadium. Crowd about 2500. Votes by Peter Windsor:

6 Watson (SC), 5 Farina (C), 4 Gibson (C), 3 Kosmina (SC), 2 Robertson (SC), 1 MacLaren (C).

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD 1 (R. Brown) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 3 (Atsalas,

Konstandopoulos, T. Brown) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd 1640. Votes by Kaut Werner:

6 McCulloch (M), 5 Honeyman (WA), 4 Spratt (WA), 3 R. Brown (Marc), 2 Henderson (M), 1 Konstandopoulos (WA).

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 4 (Marton, Hughes own goal, Wilkinson 2) BRISBANE CITY 0 at St. George Stadium. Crowd 2200. Votes by Peter Scott:

6 Wishart (BC), 5 Marlon (St G), 4 Ratcliffe (St G), 3 Liddell (BC), 2 Perry (BC), 1 Greedy (St G).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Soper) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 0 at Labert Park. Crowd 4500. Votes by Alex Vesic:

6 Dakos (SO), 5 Jennings (SO), 4 Soper (SO), 3 Opasini (Mak), 2 Patikas (SO), 1 Wilson (Mak).

Top vote-getters:
85 O'Connor (W).
83 Yankos (H).
68 Ratcliffe (St G).
67 Davidson (SM), Odzakov (Mak).



Doug Brown

64 P. Tredinnick (APIA).
62 Henderson (Marc).
61 Watson (SC).
58 Crino (SM), Bradley ZA-PIAzm
stu Banfield (AC).
55 Skeen (St G), Kyriakoulas (JUST).
54 Sermeni (M), Heys (WA), Wright (BL).
53 Farina (C), Lowe (N).
52 Burke (N).

50 Bryant (C).
49 Jones (Mak).
47 Greedy (St G).
46 Byrne (C), Mariani (APIA), McMillan (Mak).
44 Carroll (JUST).
43 Honeyman (WA), Patikas (SO).
42 Hoszowski (C), Lea (H).
Wishart (BC)m
41 G. Watson (N).
40 R. Stewart (BL), B. Nys-

kohus (AC), Bertogna (APIA).
39 Vlietstra (W), Robertson (SC), Perry (BC).
38 Halford (SM), Marton (St G), Niven (BL), Tokesi (BC), Lucchesi (Mak).
37 Murphy (SM), Katholos (SO).

36 McDowell (JUST), Senkalski (N), Hamilton (BC).
35 Gibson (C), McCulloch (M), Melta (AC), Flounders (AC), Liddell (BC).

Top goalscorers:
16 D. Brown (SM).

15 Kosmina (SC), Soper (SO).

12 O'Connor, Cotton (W), Bradley (APIA).

11 Egan (SM), Lea (H), Paton (JUST).
10 Lucchesi (Mak), R. Brown (M), Marton (St G), Wright (L), Lowe (N), Mullen (AC).

9 Slater (St G), J. Campbell (H), Mountford (N), Morsello
8 Bryant (ZC), J. Campbell
ZH, Mountford (N), Morsello (APIA), Ollerton (Mak).

Sydney club may sink under \$500,000 debt

A Sydney club is reportedly in debt to the tune of \$350,000 to \$500,000, most of it in the form of bank overdrafts, guaranteed by committee members.

Brace yourself for a huge end-of-season explosion which could sweep them out of the NSL, following the collapse of the Sydney Swans and two NSW Rugby League clubs.

The funny part is that in the majority of cases the good wives know nothing about their husband's little hobby and likely financial loss. Oh, thou blessed ignorance.

They're racing

Alex Pongrass, president of St George, has branched out into a new sport. (Yes, yes, he is still the president of the Saints even if you hardly hear about him; Frank Arok is ONLY the manager, coach, publicist, salesman, marketer and assistant groundsman...)

Alex now has four racehorses, all said to be excellent thoroughbreds; one of them has been winning races in Sydney and Melbourne recently.

Feeling fit. No, not me; that's the name of the horse. By the way, Alex never bets

on his nags; he prefers sure things.

Lunchbreak

Talking of a high official. (Really, who's talking here of anything? I'm just saying it to introduce another random topic).

The story goes that he's allowed only 15 minutes for lunch. If he took longer, he'd need a complete re-training.

Saint in exile

Can you imagine the Pope not going even near the Sistine Chapel for six months?

Well, that's what has happened to Andrew Lederer, once the soccer factotum of Sydney City-Hakoah.

Since his falling out with the club leadership over the vexed question of continuing support for soccer in view of the enormous apathy by the membership, Andrew hasn't been to the swank Hakoah Club for months. Six months, he says.

Occasionally he attends their matches, as he still has



By ANDREW DETTRE

blue-and-white blood in his veins — but he is now on the outer of the club's inner sanctum.

"I'll be happy to remain manager of the Socceros," he says with an unconvincing shrug.

The betting is that sooner or later he will make his peace with the club — and take over soccer again.

Arok best bet

Talking of betting: who'll be the part-time coach of the Socceros?

(Despite some recent publicity to the contrary, the job will become part-time after December).

Naturally, Les Scheinflug is a top candidate — even though he is certain to be attached to a club soon.

A high ASF official is strongly supporting John Watkins, who has been with Sutherland for years in the NSW State League.

Len McKendry and Eddie Thomson also have their sup-

porters and legitimate claims.

But my tip is Frank Arok from St. George. Remember this in December or January.

A KB welcome

A small group of Newcastle fans, the hard-core, give out-of-town visitors a cheerful welcome at their matches.

As soon as the game starts, they begin their chant: "Go back, to Sydney."

Well, I always do. So do the visiting teams.

However, this doesn't detract from the excellent hospitality of the Newcastle club officials before and after the games.

They usually invite visiting players and officials for a drink and a bite at the nearby Adamstown Club.

Newcastle may have no pretensions for the big-time but ever since the stewardship of Paul Trisley — now sadly out of the game — they have been among the leaders in organisation and match staging.

The name game

I do hope this name business will not get worse next year.

Take the case of Preston or Adelaide City.

When the match report reaches AAP's head office in Sydney, the editor in charge promptly rewrites them into Rams and Giants; that's how it often appears in the dailies.

Then on Thursday I pick up my "Soccer Action" and read about Makedonia and Juventus.

In Brazil they have nicknames for players; here we have "market" names for clubs.

Some of our NSL clubs don't have enough supporters for one name, let alone three. In fact, some have more names than spectators.

Holland Park vies for Olympic Park

Victorian club Holland Park is prepared to pay over \$6,000 to hire Olympic Park's No. 2 ground for home games next year.

"We'd be very happy to have Holland Park using our No. 2 ground," said Gordon Holmes, assistant director of Olympic Park's board of management and ground manager.

But right now, Holmes and his board are waiting on a final decision from the ASF on the re-organisation of the National League for next year. At

present, Juventus uses the No. 2 ground and Croatia uses No. 1. If both clubs win places in the NSL, the ground allocation for next season will have to be renegotiated.

There's even talk that the NSL may hire the No. 1 ground for next season and allocate games as it sees fit. The NSL is discussing the possibilities of having a regular March of the Round, with Olympic Park No. 1 as the venue.

Holland Park applied for use of the No. 2 ground earlier this week. Its letter of application pointed out that the club is "the only ambitious Turkish soccer club around" and that the Turkish community in Melbourne is over 40,000 strong.

Holland Park's average home attendance this season was close to 1,000, an amazing figure for a Provisional League outfit. The club estimates that it would attract a minimum of 1,000 spectators at home games next year and expects crowds of between 2,000 and 4,000 for big matches.

The letter also stated, in part, "The Turkish community is buzzing with excitement over the possibility of using such a splendid ground as this and playing in the newly-formed State League."

NSL team of the week

In brackets: No. off appearances in team of week.

WISHART (5) (Briab. City)	DAKOS (1) (Syd. Olympic)	YANKOS (8) (Heid. Alexander)	NIVEN (2) (Briab. Lions)
PATON (3) (Foot. JUST)	CRINO (5) (SM-Hellac)	McCULLOCH (5) (Marconi)	
WATSON (7) (SC-Hakoah)	FARINA (5) (Canberra)	LEA (4) (Heid. Alex)	MARTON (4) (SLG. Budapest)

National League standings

FINAL LADDER

	HOME					AWAY					Gls	Pts
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A		
1. (2) St George Budapest	8	6	1	25	11	7	4	2	16	16	47	27
2. (3) Sydney City Hakoah	10	4	0	27	6	5	5	6	21	24	48	30
3. (1) Prston Makedonia	11	2	2	32	13	4	5	6	15	19	47	32
4. (4) South Melbourne Hellas	8	3	4	22	18	7	4	4	22	18	44	36
5. (5) Newcastle KB United	7	4	4	20	9	7	3	5	25	17	45	26
6. (6) Heidelberg Alexander	9	2	4	25	15	2	8	5	14	23	39	38
7. (9) Sydney Olympic	7	3	6	23	19	5	2	7	14	17	37	41
8. (7) APIA-Leighardt	9	3	3	28	12	2	3	10	15	24	43	36
9. (8) Marconi-Fairfield	6	5	4	25	21	3	6	6	18	20	43	41
10. (10) Canberra Arrows	8	3	4	29	19	3	2	10	18	34	47	53
11. (11) Adelaide City Juventus	7	3	6	21	17	3	3	8	16	21	37	38
12. (12) Footscray J.U.S.T.	6	5	4	17	20	3	4	8	18	22	25	42
13. (14) West Adelaide Hellas	5	6	4	16	17	2	6	7	9	20	25	37
14. (13) Brisbane City	4	5	6	21	25	4	4	7	12	25	33	40
15. (15) Wollongong	1	11	3	19	20	3	4	8	22	33	41	55
16. (16) Brisbane Lions	5	3	6	24	23	1	5	10	12	38	36	61

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Palinkas to stay?

Joe Palinkas will discuss his future with Brisbane City officials when he goes on Fawcner's end-of-season trip to Surfer's Paradise tomorrow (Thursday).

Palinkas joined Fawcner on loan from Brisbane City early this year. His transfer fee had been set at \$12,500 but Fawcner paid only \$2500 for the loan.

He will try to have the fee reduced and then transfer to Fawcner permanently.

Palinkas joined Brisbane City from Footscray J.U.S.T. for \$17,500. Previously he played for St George Budapest and Melbourne Hungaria.

Frank Arok's finest hour

St. George 4 Brisb. City 0

Venue: St. George stadium.
Scorers: Marton 52nd,
Hughes own goal 66th, Wil-
kinson 79th and 87th.
Referee: Tim Davies 7.
Crowd: 2200

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST:
Greedy 8; Skoen 8, M. O'Shea
7, Ratcliffe 8, R. O'Shea 6;
Stone 6, J. O'Shea 7, Barton
6; Slater 6, Wilkinson 7,
Marton 8.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart
8; Caird 6, Perry 8 (Tokos)
42nd min, 6, Liddell 8, Bill
Wilkinson 5; Bow 5, Fabrizio
6, Hughes 5, Bromfield 6;
Glockner 7, Cairney 6.

"It was a victory of the
heart, and only Frank could
have instilled it in our play-
ers," was the succinct sum-
ming up of St. George Bud-
apest club president Alex
Pongrass, during the joy-filled

minutes in the aftermath of
the championship-clinching
victory over Brisbane City.

And Arok made no bones
about the fact that he consid-
ered the 1983 NSL title his
greatest coaching achieve-
ment in Australia.

"Don't forget," he pointed
out, "we did it with just 10
senior players and two
goalkeepers."

"We stuck with that com-
bination throughout, changing
only when forced to do so by
injury or suspension.

"St. George emerged
champions, against all ex-
pectations, because of its
stable team, the excellent at-
mosphere in the dressing room
and the very professional at-
titude to work displayed by all
my players."

Arok reminisced about his
side's "dream run" to the
championship finale, which
netted eight wins and two
draws in the last 10 matches!

Arok also was generous in
his praise for Brisbane City.



Peter Scott

"I was absolutely confident
of winning, even though nerves
and a strong wind against us in
the first half posed some prob-
lems."

"But all honor to City for
giving us a hard struggle and
trying all the way."

In fact the Queenslanders
played like men possessed for
all of a match which meant
nothing to them in competitive
terms.

Operating with only two
men up front, Glockner and
Cairney, the rest of the team
concentrated completely on
spoiling methods and marking

the Saints' desperately goal
hungry strikers and mid-
fielders out of the match.

Thus, the first 45 minutes
were a litany of frustration for
the Hungarian club and its
fans, with only a close call by
Marton early in the piece and a
grand save by Wishart two
minutes from the break rais-
ing their hopes somewhat.

The feeling was, however,
that if only the Saints could
break the deadlock, the pro-
verbial floodgates would open
— and they did!

When Slater was tripped
inside the area, Dez Marton
was fully expected to capital-
ise on the chance.

A lacklustre shot and the
quick reflexes of the brilliant
Kim Wishart prevented this,
but the Hungarian maestro did
manage to bag the rebound.

The Brisbanites were still
desperately eager to knock the
Saints off their perch, prompt-
ing idle speculation in the
stands about the likelihood of a

juicy win bonus being an offer
from one of Budapest's rivals.

City, for whatever reason,
had to come out of its shell, in-
evitably opening up gaps in the
rearguard.

In spite of this the next two
goals were "silly" ones, with
first a header by Marton
changing direction on the
hapless Hughes' foot for an
own goal, and then Tokesi mis-
kicking in front of goal, provid-
ing Paul Wilkinson with an
easy opportunity to stab the
ball into the net.

When Wilkinson notched up
the fourth goal three minutes
from the end it was the icing
on the championship cake.

And then it was all over,
with the Saints worthy
champions for 1983.

As to Frank Arok, he could
start thinking about a task
harder than winning the NSL
championship: ways and
means of keeping it from the
eager challenges of its rivals
next year!



The great Dez Marton.

Honeyman as sweeper powers West

By KNUF WERNER

Marconi 1 West Adel 3

Scorers: 1-0 R. Brown; 1-1
Ataslas; 1-2 Konstandopou-
los; 1-3 T. Brown.

Venue: Marconi Stadium.
Crowd 1640.

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD:
James 7 — Djordjevic 7,
Caldaran 7, Henderson 8,
Budin 7, Loran 6, McCul-
loch 8, Serrani 7, Corobo 6
(Jankovics 6th, 53rd) — R.
Brown 8, Winn 6. Coach: Tony
Henderson.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS:
Sproul 8 — Dunn 7, Hiron 7,
Honeyman 8, Papazoglou 7 —
Ataslas 7, Manou 6, McGregor
6 — Konstandopoulos 8 (Sta-
matopoulos 83rd), T. Brown 7,
Heys 7. Coach: Peter Kouli-
zos.

West Adelaide Hellas
sweeper Graham Honeyman
marshalled his defence with
the aid of a general to lead
his side to a comfortable 3-1
win over Marconi at Marconi
Stadium.

After attacking well for the
opening 25 minutes of the
match, West Adelaide held
sway in defence as Marconi
probed for a breakthrough.

West Adelaide goalkeeper
Gary Sproul was able to cut
out the Marconi shots but he
was well screened by the back
four of Robbie Dunn, Honey-
man, Brenton Hiern and John
Papazoglou.

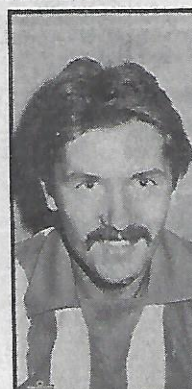
But then with the scores
locked at 1-1, West Adelaide
broke through to score in the
78th and 91st minutes.

Marconi, under the control
of senior players Tony Hender-
son and Tom Serranni follow-
ing the departure of coach
Doug Collins, is hoping to
forget the poor performance
before Sunday's National Cup
semi-final against Sydney
Olympic.

Marconi started well with a
third minute goal from central
striker Rod Brown.

Steve Winn darted down the
right wing, enabling Tom
McCulloch to find striker Rod
Brown on the far side and the
young international made no
mistake with a well-measured
shot.

West Adelaide then took
over with some crisp passing.



Graham Honeyman

Steve Ataslas and Tim
Brown went close before Hon-
eyman lobbed a ball through
the middle for Ataslas to score
without a challenger in sight.

Immediately afterwards,
West Adelaide winger Graham
Heys hit the post.

West Adelaide midfielder
Chris Manou and opposite
number Attilio Carbone both
received cautions from refer-
ee Ken Small after a scuffle.

Then, in the closing stages,
it was all West Adelaide with
young winger George Kon-
standopoulos striking a goal
from 15 metres.

After one minute of injury
time West Adelaide sealed the
match when Heys fired a low
cross to Brown who made no
mistake for the third goal.

Food offers

Exeter City's bid to appre-
tiate Martin Ling who only
weighs nine stone has hit the
jackpot with sponsors trying
to beef him up. A health firm
says he can have all the
steaks, chickens, eggs and
vitamins he wants, a local
brewer and night club will
supply him with all the
Guinness he needs plus free
milk.

TANSEY 83%, AROK 61%, McKENDRY 72%

Heidelberg 2 Newcastle 1

Scorers: 0-1 Lowe 8th; 1-1
Selemidis 25th; 2-1 Lea 56th.
Venue: Olympic Village.
Crowd: about 2500.

Referee: Dennis Voutsinas

Caution: Tansey (H), Pat-
terson (H).

HEIDELBERG-ALEXAN-
DER: Oliver 8 — Spanos 7,
Angele 7, Yankos 9, Tansey 8,
Selemidis 8, Campbell 7,
Valentine 8 — Lea 8, Cole 6,
Patterson 8. Coach: Jim Tan-
sey.

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED:
Gosling 7 — Meier 6, Burke 7,
Watson 7, H. Tredinnick 8 —
Lee 5 (Cowburn 70th), Mason
7, Senkalski 7, Jones 8,
Mountford 6, Lowe 7. Coach:
Ken Kaiser.

Frank Arok's St. George
may have won the
championship but Heidel-
berg's Jim Tansey finished
the season with a better
record than any other coach.

Heidelberg beat Newcastle
2-1 at the Olympic Village, leav-
ing the team undefeated in
the eight weeks since Tansey
took over as player-coach
from Ken Morton.

Its recent good form gives
Heidelberg an excellent
chance of winning the Cup
semi-final against South Mel-

bourne Hellas at Olympic
Park next Sunday.

Heidelberg's results under
Tansey have been:

v. Wollongong (away) 0-0;
v. Brisbane City (home) 2-1.
scorers: Campbell, Lea;
v. Newcastle (away) 0-0;
v. Adelaide Juventus (away)
4-2, scorers: Macleod, Valen-
tine, Campbell, Lea;
v. Makedonia (home) 3-1,
scorers: Lea 2, Cole-
v. APIA (away) 3-2, scorers:
Yankos, Valentine, Cole;
v. Sydney Olympic (home)
4-1, scorers: Cole pen., Pat-
terson, Campbell, Lea;
v. Newcastle (home) 2-1,
scorers: Selemidis, Lea.

This represents an 83.3 per
cent success rate for Tansey,
while Arok had a 6-1 per cent
success rate.

Under Tansey, Heidelberg
picked up 53.5 per cent of its
total points — 23 out of 43 — in
only eight games.

The next successful coach
on statistics alone was
McKendry who registered a
72.5 per cent success rate in
winning 11, drawing 4 and
losing 2 of the 17 games under
his command.

But, of course the only real
yardstick for any coach is
whether or not he wins the
championship. That's where
Arok comes up trumps.

Heidelberg came from
behind against Newcastle and
won the match with one of
the best goals seen this season,

scored by Derek Lea who
bobbed down low to get his
head to the ball and send it loop-
ing past goalkeeper Clint
Gosling.

Newcastle had taken the
lead as early as the eighth
minute. Joe Senkalski put the
ball between an opponent's
leg, ran around him, passed it
to David Lowe and Lowe
scored with a shot that whis-
tled in just under the crossbar.

A few minutes earlier how-
ever, Heidelberg's Mike Valen-
tine hit the bottom of the
goal post.

Heidelberg equalised in the
25th minute when Lea cut the
ball square into the goal area
where Theo Selemidis slid in
to score.

Heidelberg had at least two
more chances to score.

First Gosling saved a power-
ful low shot by Scott Pat-
terson and later Gary Cole
missed from three metres,
with goalkeeper Gosling stran-
ded out of position.

In between Heidelberg did
manage the winning goal —
that spectacular effort by Lea
— in the 56th minute.



Laurie Schwab

Cole missed narrowly with a
header and just before the end
Newcastle's Lowe had a shot
saved by goalkeeper Jeff
Oliver.

Heidelberg players Scott
Patterson, Derek Lea, Theo
Selemidis, Mike Valentine,
Jim Tansey and particularly
Charlie Yankos were in fine
form, and goalkeeper Jeff
Oliver never has played with
more confidence nor pre-
cision.

Newcastle, however, was
disappointing. I have come to
expect more from this side,
which usually plays with a lot
more flair.

This time, the Northerners
were predictable in their ap-
proach and pedestrian in mid-
field, although Joe Senkalski
did show flashes of his skill,
and David Jones worked very
hard on the wing.



Ace coach Jim Tansey

Wolves go for pups

Wollongong City will adopt a youth policy
in next year's new-look National League.

In a bid to make the club a more viable business proposition,
the Wolves have undertaken to look ahead and pin their hopes on
young players.

And the first step was taken early this week by putting an un-
disclosed number of first grade players on the transfer list.

Club secretary John Viestra said the Wolves had done well to
land a two-year sponsorship worth \$70,000.

"But this does not mean our problems are over," Viestra
said.

"We have to be realistic and we simply cannot afford such a
first-team squad.

"We have to cut down on wages and start all over again.

"We do realise some of our first grade players might leave us.
"So we must base the 1984 side on young, promising players —
something which perhaps should have been done three years ago
when we joined the league."

The Wolves are also making a drive to include as many local
players as possible.

"Three years in the national championship have taught us our
fans want more Illawarra players in the first team," Viestra
said.

"And a team based on players from the region might just be the
answer to our falling gates."

The club realises fielding a basically youthful team in the de-
manding NSL might be a tricky affair.

The Wolves had a disastrous season in 1983, finishing second
from bottom and winning only four matches.

Last year the Wolves reached the final of the top four series
before losing 2-0 to St. George in Wollongong.

— PHILIP MICALFE



Theo Selemidis



Mike Valentine

Springvale wins in S.A.



Springvale City's under
14A team which won its league
in Victoria, ventured by air to
South Australia to challenge
Cumberland Park S.C. and
Grange Lions.

Springvale best Cumberland
1-0 and Grange 4-1.

The executive-director of the
S.A. Community Recreation As-
sociation, Graeme Alder, ar-
ranged an indoor soccer warm
up session for Springvale and
the host clubs billeted the boys.

PICTURED: Springvale from
left back row: John Warner
(Coach), Andrew Dick, Levant
Alparlan (Capt), Michael Kral,
Ashley Barker, Michael Kelly,
John Hasler (team manager).

Centre row: Luke Richards,
John Syros, Paul Rollanin,
Svend Samild, Richard Hasler,
David Rodriguez, Dennis Turner.

Front row: Sabino Ran-
dazzo, David Kelly.

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Another Melbourne title chance down the drain

Olympic 1 Makedonia 0

Ground: Lambert Park.
Crowd: 4,500 (approx)
Goal: Soper 19

Yellow cards: Jones, Todorovski, Flavell, Lucchesi (M), Kalantzis (1).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 7, Koussas 7, Couley 7, Doherty 6, Jennings 8, Kalantzis 6, Phillips 6, Patikas 8, Katholos 7, Soper 8 (Zervas 70), Patalis 5.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Wilson 7, Opaninis 8, Petrovski 6, Ilioski 6 (Farrell 59-6), Todorovski 7, Flavell 5, Lucchesi 5, McMillan 6, Odzakovic 6, Ollerton 7.

Preston Makedonia had its last chance to win the first ever title for Melbourne and Victoria in the dust bowl of Lambert Park, but its players never got to grips with the bumpy pitch and were not only defeated but outclassed by the home side.

It was a narrow, but satisfying win for Olympic which must go into the cup semi against Marconi this week as an even-money favorite.

Marshal Soper came close



Alex Vesic

soon after the start and always looked the danger man up front. His goal in the 19th minute was a gem. Katholos was brought down 40 metres from goal and Graham Jennings took the free kick by floating the ball to the far post. Soper won the aerial duel against two defenders, then, as the ball fell in front of him, beat Wilson with ease.

Soper continued to fight for every ball up front and should have scored on at least three more occasions. In the 30th minute he was facing the keeper from a pass by Katholos but shot past the post. He was through the defence again in the 45th but was brought back to earth with a rugby style tackle from Todorovski. In the 59th he beat Jones then rounded another defender to face Wilson but his shot

rebounded off the keeper's foot for a corner.

A header by Kalantzis in the 84th brought a superb save from Wilson with Katholos missing a simple opportunity only a minute later.

And whilst Olympic showed the style of a champion Makedonia never got into first gear let alone overdrive.

Player-coach Peter Ollerton was a lonely figure up front.

Zarko Odzakovic, Preston's brilliant schemer, was shut-out by Mark Koussas, while Claude Lucchesi had his shadow in Gary Phillips and likewise very little was seen of skilful Lucchesi. As for the rest of the Makedonia players, it was difficult to see anyone but Con Opaninis worthy of mention. Opaninis was too good for young Patalis and was also dangerous going forward.

Thus ends yet another challenge by Melbourne to take the title. One wonders whether Makedonia really was the side to do it, for it appeared to be that only a few of its players had the stuff champions are made of.

Zoran Ilioski, Ljube Petrovski and George Todorovski had mediocre games with Gordon Flavell completely out of the match. With George McMillan groping for space and Odzakovic and Lucchesi blocked out, it was difficult for Makedonia to create chances.

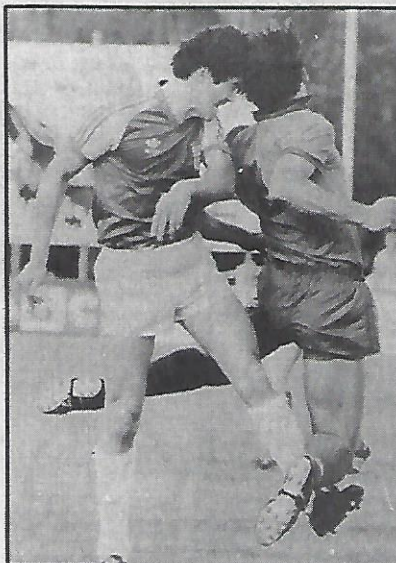
In 90 minutes of football only once did its come close. With minutes remaining Lucchesi lunged forward to a cross only to see his shot go past the post.

Derby

Derby County who were saved from going to the wall less than two years ago are again flying the distress signal. However near the bottom of the Second Division they have listed several first team players for sale and in fact say they will have to consider offers for any of the side including top star John Robertson the former Nottingham Forest winger who is still a first choice for Scotland. General manager Peter Taylor reckons it will be a tragedy if they have to sell Robbo whom Manchester United and West Brom are interested in.



Oscar Crino of South Melbourne Hellas (left) jumps out of the way as Lions' Alan Hunter barges through in possession of the ball. Pictures by CARLOS PICASSO.



An aerial duel in Brisbane on Sunday between South Melbourne Hellas defender Alan Davidson (left) and Brisbane Lions' Danny Wright.

Penalties, sending-offs and bad refereeing

Canberra 2 Syd City 5

Scorers: Boden pen, Kosmina 2, Watson, Kay (SC), Gibson, MacLaren (C).

Venue: Bruce Stadium.

Crowd: 2,500.

CANBERRA: Hummel 7, Byrne 6, (sent off 42nd), Ambrosino 7, Redmond 7, Murray 7, Gibson 8, Stone 7, Young 7, Farina 8, MacLaren 8, Perinovic 7.

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH: Pezzano 7, Connor 7, Robertson 8, O'Connor (sent off 25th), Cant 8, Watson 8, Kay 8, Borges 7 (Lunch, 53rd 7), Boden 7, Kosmina 8, Murray 8.

Referee: Glyn Davies.

Cautions: Redmond, Kosmina, Robertson.

Red cards: Byrne and O'Connor.

Two players were sent off and three penalties were awarded by Canberra referee, Glyn Davies, and even five goals couldn't give Sydney Hakoah the 1983 premiership.

It was a game ruined by abysmal refereeing and an equally continual downpour.

Yet everything seemed set for a great game. It was the best-promoted game of the year, the Governor-General, Sir Ninian Stephen, kicked off and the crowd of 2,500 was one of Canberra's best of the season.

Within minutes it was obvious Hakoah, normally such a cultured side, was psyched to win as the tackling was hard and niggling.

But everyone was stunned by Hakoah's penalty after just 12 minutes.

It came, apparently, from



Peter Windsor

handling offence and in superb style Ken Boden sent Canberra goalkeeper Chris Hummel the wrong way to make it 1-0.

Sydney Hakoah 1-0 up and supremely confident, played like a premiership-winning team but some of that confidence knocked out of them in the 25th minute when Steve O'Connor was given his marching orders.

O'Connor had clashed with Farina who retaliated and O'Connor then grabbed him by the neck and threw him to the ground.

Off he went — to be joined in the dressing room just minutes before the half-time whistle by Canberra defender, Terry Byrne.

Byrne, too, had retaliated after an incident with fiery striker, John Kosmina.

In the second half one expected an interesting game — perhaps even a titanic struggle from the two 10-man teams.

What followed was almost beyond belief.

Canberra certainly hit back quickly as just six minutes in the second half Ian Gibson head Farina's cross past Hakoah goalkeeper, Tony Pezzano.

Coach Eddie Thomson brought on Lynch for Borges and just nine minutes into the second half a disastrously misdirected clearance saw Hakoah snap up the chance,

with Kosmina making it 2-1 in the 54th minute.

Hakoah looked great and minutes later Paul Kay, after a superb one-to-one with Kosmina, missed a sitter.

But the play was still tough, with yellow cards going to Redmond and Robertson.

Then, in the 59th minute, Canberra had the chance to really rock the champions when they got their penalty. It was taken by Ian Gibson, hit weakly and Pezzano saved.

Within two minutes Hakoah was awarded their second penalty when Murray was upended in the area. Like Gibson, Kenny Boden missed the golden opportunity.

His shot hit the post, but from the rebound the ball was kept in and within 60 seconds a high cross was headed home by Kosmina to make it 3-1.

In the 68th minute Joe Watson made it 4-1 after great lead up work by Jimmy Cant and Paul Kay completed Hakoah's scoring in the 78th minute.

Full marks to Canberra for their courage to fight back, with Don MacLaren scoring a superb goal in the 79th minute and Ian Stone hitting the crossbar with a head just minutes from time.

A game of sensations. If one hadn't seen it, one wouldn't believe it.

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Newcastle's grand final

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McKendry wants two new players for '84

Brisb. Lions 2 SM-Hellas 2

Scorers: BL: Daunt 22nd, J. Stewart 24th; Hellas: Brown 65th and 69th.

Venue: Richlands Stadium.

Crowd: about 600.

Cautions: Niven, Daunt (BL).

Referee: Jim Reeves 8.

LIONS: Beves 8, McClurg 8 (Anderson 72nd), Hunter 7, Vasquez 7, Niven 9, R. Stewart 7, J. Stewart 8, Vincent 8, Hogg 7, Daunt 7, Wright 6.

HELLAS: Launets 7, Russell 8, Xanthopoulos 7 (Buljevic 80th), Zendeorn 7, Davidson 8, Halford 7, Crino 9, Murphy 7, Egan 7, Brown 7, Woodin 6.

There were no long faces in the Hellas dressing room after they missed out on what proved an impossible dream of winning the championship.

And although they had not played well, the 2-2 draw with Lions had kept intact their magnificent record of only one defeat in the final 16 games.

Hellas coach Len McKendry now will begin team-building and has his sights set on an experienced striker and midfielder.

"This is a young team that really came together only this season. Teams like St George and Sydney City have been together a long time."

"We need a couple of experienced players to give us a bit of depth and then we won't be relying on other results to win championships. I am looking forward to next year," McKendry said.

But if Hellas already is close to the best in the league, then Lions should not have too much to fear next year.

They matched it admirably and in fact outplayed Hellas in the first 45 minutes.

The Lions' aggressive challenges, quick passing and big hearts threw the Hellas side, which was never allowed to settle in the opening minutes.

With four players in the midfield and Russell Stewart pushing forward into attack, Lions had too much enthusiasm for Hellas' trio of Crino, Halford and Murphy — who didn't want to know about the game until after half-time.

Two goals in two minutes — a volley from Calvin Daunt and a great shot from John Stewart, both after excellent build-ups, put Lions in a commanding position and smashed any hopes Hellas had of topping the league.

It should have been a lead to ensure victory for Lions, and



Ricky Rosso

an escape from the wooden spoon. But it was not to be.

McKendry restored confidence in his players at half-time by convincing them Lions' brilliant form could not continue.

"If they played like they did in the first half all season they would have been where we are now," he said afterwards.

Lions made the mistake of allowing Hellas to come at them after half time and that gave the likes of Crino and Murphy room to run. That can prove fatal for a team.

The inevitable happened 20 minutes into the half when the ever-dangerous Doug Brown lost his marker, Alan Hunter, to finish off a quickly-taken freekick.

Four minutes later, Brown netted his second by finishing off a move which began with Crino powering his way through the middle of the defence but being denied a goal by a blocked shot. Egan picked up the rebound and whipped it to Brown, who made no mistake from close range.

Lions striker Calvin Daunt got the final real chance of the match two minutes later when he outpaced Xanthopoulos, who with Russell, was playing at only half fitness, but saw his angled shot hit the upright and rebound into Launets' arms.

Avramovic

Raddy Avramovic, the Yugoslav keeper of Notts County, recently moved to Coventry City.

Goalie's goal

Jim Brown, the Chesterfield goalie who once had a representative game for Scotland, recently scored direct from a drop kick which flew the whole length of the field and bounced over Stockport's keeper Mick Salmon into the net. It was the second time in his career Brown had done this. Two years ago he became the first goalkeeper in American history to score with a clearance kick when he then played for Washington Diplomats.

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Phil O'Connor starred against England despite opposition from Russell Osman (left) and Terry Butcher (right). Picture by LES SHORROCK



Joe Watson



Mark Jankovics



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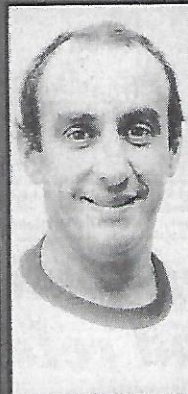
Jim Cant in action for Sydney Hakoah



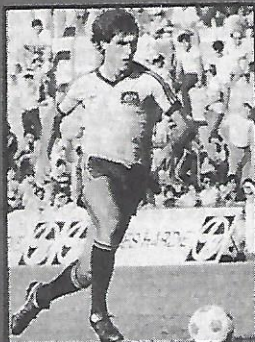
David Ratcliffe (right) confronts Vlatko Belic of J.U.S.T.



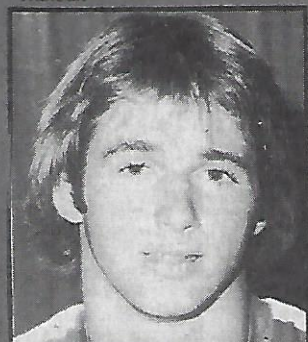
Steve Watson



Assistant coach Raul Blanco



Peter Katholos



Peter Tradinnick



As a goalkeeper, Terry Greedy (right) is true to his name



Jim Patikas

Scheinflug names squad for M

By LAURIE SCHWAB

National coach Les Scheinflug launched Australia's defence of the Merlion Cup by naming a 22-man squad, strong in the vital three ingredients — skill, experience and toughness.

Although Australia faces formidable opposition in Singapore from China, Saudi Arabia and the old foe, South Korea, Scheinflug is well-placed to strengthen his reputation as a shrewd, highly competent national supreme.

Although reports are that he faces competition from a number of other ambitious men whose eyes are on the top job, Scheinflug's record hardly can be faulted.

After taking over from Rudi Gutendorf, he completed Australia's 1981 World Cup commitments without defeat, won the Merlion Cup last December, and took the young Socceroos to the finals of the World Youth Championships in Mexico.

Any criticism he had to bear was over the Socceroos' two losses to New Zealand early this year at a time when his players were not yet ready.

When the World Cup committee meets next Saturday to discuss the national coaching position for 1984 and beyond, its members would be well advised to remember Scheinflug's good work to date.

The national coach will operate on a part time basis from next season — and that's why Scheinflug has accepted the Marconi coaching job for 1984.

In the Merlion Cup, which runs from December 3 to 16 in Singapore, Australia is likely to be in the same group as China, Brunei, and Indonesia.

The other group would consist of South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore and Malaysia.

The top two from each group will advance to the semi-finals.



Les Scheinflug

Scheinflug rates China as Australia's strongest opponent, with Saudi Arabia and South Korea as the other main threats.

On their way to Singapore, the Socceroos will play warm-up games in Indonesia on November 17 and 25.

Players not involved in the National Cup will train from November 2, first twice a week, and then three times a week. Those with Cup commitments will have a short break, the entire squad enters camp on November 20, and then leaves for Asia on November 24.

Raul Blanco of Melita Eagles again will be Scheinflug's assistant, and Andrew Lederer of Sydney Hakoah fame will be team manager.

Graham Jennings has shown dedication above and beyond the call of duty. Due to be married on December 3, he has brought his wedding forward, and will postpone his honeymoon until he returns from Singapore.

Here is a run-down of Scheinflug's national squad, with Scheinflug's own comments about every player:



Steve O'Connor (left) holds off England's Paul Walsh



New Set Picture



Robertson (right) clears for Sydney Hakoah, under threat from Mike Claude Lucchesi (left)



Tony Henderson



Jim Campbell's back! Here he is (left) against Bobby Russell of Hellas

GOALKEEPERS

ERRY GREEDY (St. George BSC): "In great form for St. George, and had three exceptional games against [unintelligible] this year." Capped three times.

TEVE WATSON (Sydney Croatia): "The most consistent goalkeeper in the NSW State League."

DEFENDERS

AUL CARTER (APIA): "The most promising young full back in the NSL. He came in as the replacement for [unintelligible] Davidson, who'll be overseas for [unintelligible] with Arsenal and Bayern Munich. I considered Howard Tredinnick of Newcastle, but he'll be touring the U.S. with his club." First national team selection.

TEVE HOGG (Brisbane Lions): "Used for Australia before, under Rudi [unintelligible], and has done well in the NSL this year, either as full back or midfielder." 11 national team appearances, 3 full caps; 9 youth team appearances.

RAHAM JENNINGS (Sydney Olympic): "Very fast, can play as either full back or winger. I liked him against England." 3 full caps; 10 youth team apps.

IM CANT (Sydney C. Hakoah): "Very experienced competitor, very consistent." 3 full caps.

HARLIE YANKOS (Heidelberg-Alexander): "One of the most underrated players in Australia. Has a brilliant right foot." 3 full caps.

LEX ROBERTSON (Sydney C. Hakoah): "Consistent. Has played soccer well for two years." First Soccer call-up.

AVID RATCLIFFE (St. George): "The backbone of St. George." 6 caps.

TEVE O'CONNOR (Sydney C. Hakoah): "Very aggressive centre back. Did in the air and a great marker." 7 appearances, incl. 4 full caps.

DE WATSON (Sydney C. Hakoah): "The most skilful player in Australia at the moment." 5 apps, incl. 4 full caps.

JIM PATIKAS (Sydney Olympic): "One of the stars of the youth team in Mexico. I would have picked David Lowe and Tommy McCulloch as well but they'll be trialling with Southampton in England." 2 apps, incl. 1 full cap; 30 youth team apps; and four youth goals.

TONY HENDERSON (Marconi): "His best season ever. He's well and truly back after two years in the doldrums." 38 apps, incl. 24 full caps; 5 goals.

JIM CAMPBELL (Heidelberg Alexander): "Deserves his chance. Has come good again and I've had good reports about him from my Melbourne advisers." 3 apps, incl. 2 full caps.

PETER KATHOLOS (Sydney Olympic): "Been down lately but I know what he can do. He has so much natural ability; all he needs is confidence." 12 full caps, 2 goals.

KEN MURPHY (SM-Hellas): "A very hard-working midfielder who did well against England." 2 full caps.

PHIL O'CONNOR (Wollongong): "Most consistent player in the country." 22 apps, incl. 15 caps; 4 goals.

GARY COLE (Heidelberg-Alexander): "I've checked with my people in Melbourne and they all say he's coming good after his injury. I've also spoken to Cole himself and he says he has no pain." 33 apps, incl. 18 caps; 21 goals.

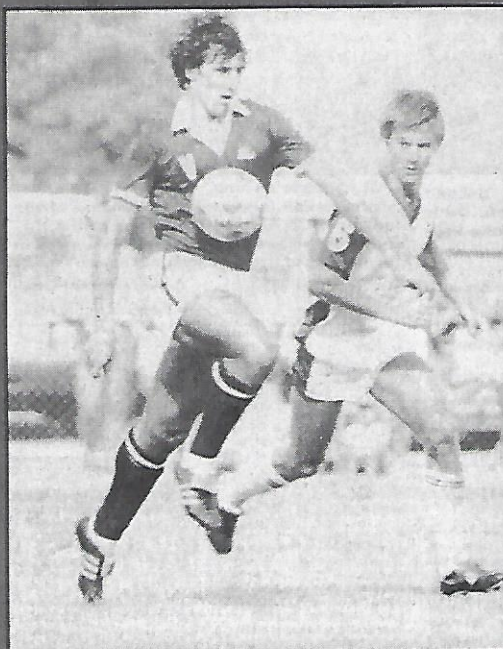
MARK JANKOVICS (Marconi): "One of our longest-serving national squad members who, unfortunately, never has had enough consecutive games to show us exactly how much he can do." 30 apps, incl. 14 caps; 2 goals.

JOHN KOSMINA (Sydney Hakoah): "Captain of the team and proven goalscorer, which speaks for itself." 50 apps, incl. 34 caps; 18 goals.

MARSHALL SOPER (Sydney Olympic): "One of the up and coming strikers." 2 caps.

PETER TREDINNICK (APIA): "Best season ever, very consistent." 1 app; 10 youth team games, 5 youth goals.

Scheinflug surprised by leaving out Steve Blair (SM-Hellas) after saying earlier he would recall him.



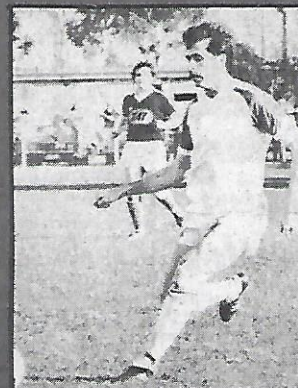
Socceroos in opposition - Charlie Yankos (left) and Steve Hogg (right) in a Victoria v Queensland clash



Gary Cole



Australian captain John Kosmina (right) exchanges pennants with England's skipper Joe Corrigan



Graham Jennings



Paul Carter (left) surges past Chris Manou of West Adelaide Hellas. Frank Hobbs



Socceroo Marshall Soper (third from right, in white), scores for Olympic against Wollongong. Picture by PETER BARTA

SIGUR LASHES OUT

Melbourne Croatia president Joe Sigur launched a verbal barrage at Green Gully Ajax and its treasurer Arnold Langer this week.

"I'm sick of all this talk coming from the Green Gully camp that they've won this and won that. Green Gully has a long, long way to go to win as many State League trophies as Croatia," said Sigur.

"Maybe they'll get a chance next year to catch up to our haul of State League trophies while Croatia is in the National League.

"As for this Mr. Langer saying that the State League Cup final was just a charity game, what a thing for a VSF board of management member to say. He shouldn't be on the board if he slams competitions organised by the board."



Box Hill. Back row: Keith Webster (assistant coach), Ray Tolmie, Donovan Lawler, John McKinlay, John Scholten, Donald Brownlie, Paul Priestley, Ian Roodhouse, Bill Murray, (coach). Front row: Alan Roodhouse, Pedro Ramos, Matt McDonald, David Azzopardi, Andy Hughes, Peter Verechia, Richard Miranda.

Miranda sends Box Hill into the final

BOX HILL 1 (Miranda 109th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 0 after extra time, score at full time 0-0. Dockerty Cup semi-final. First game of a double header at Olympic Park, Sunday. Crowd: about 2,500. Referee: Dale 8.

BOX HILL McKinlay 8 - I. Roodhouse 7, Brownlie 7, Lawler 7, A. Roodhouse 7, Ramos 7 (inj. Azzopardi 52nd, Hughes 7, Tolmie 6 (Miranda 59th, 8), McDonald 8 - Verechia 7, Priestley 7. Coach: Bill Murray.

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA: Lee 7 - Brooks 7, Pena 6 (Nyholt 60th, 7), Meyer 7 (inj. Verniers H.T. 5), Haupt 7, Bakker 7, Burton 7, Gibson 8 - Thom 6, Garvey 7, Stewart 7. Coach: Rudi van Aalst.

A goal in the last minute of extra time from midfielder Richard Miranda took Box Hill into the Dockerty Cup final for the first time in history.

Miranda had been injured during the Hillmen's quarter-final win over Fawkner and although fit for this clash, Box Hill coach Bill Murray found it hard to change the team which had won so convincingly against Fawkner. So Miranda started off on the bench but came on as a replacement for Ray Tolmie in the 59th minute and the former Preston Macedonia player became the hero of the Wembley Park faithful, just a minute away from the expected penalty showdown.

Indeed, Ringwood Wilhelmina deserved to at least have its fate decided on penalties. It had proven more than a match for Box Hill in every department and must count itself desperately unlucky to finally go under.

The goal that settled this came from a Donovan Lawler shot from the edge of the Wilhelmina area. The ball was deflected from a defender into the path of Miranda, six metres out, and he calmly stroked it wide of helpless Stuart Lee.

Box Hill strikers Peter Verechia and Paul Priestley often found themselves without the support after the ball had been played long to them. It seems that Box Hill midfielders find it far easier to get forward on the smaller Wembley Park than they do on the more expansive Olympic

Park. However, Box Hill midfielder Matt McDonald had a superb match. He was my pick as the outstanding player afield in this role. There's not much of this little Scotsman but what's there is all heart. And skill.

Box Hill goalkeeper John McKinlay had very little to do in the first 30 minutes. The Hillmen's best chance in this period fell in the 27th minute but Ray Tolmie missed a great chance to score. Verechia played the ball to Andy Hughes who went past the last defender but found himself on a tight angle on the right. Hughes played the ball back across goal and Tolmie should have shot first time from the far post. The Box Hill midfielder elected to dummy the shot, then cut inside but a defender was able to clear.

Five minutes later Wilhelmina should have taken the lead. Dave Gibson robbed Donald Brownlie inside Wilhelmina's attacking third, got forward to the edge of the Box Hill area then neatly slipped the ball wide to Neil Garvey on the right. McKinlay had read the situation well however. The Hillmen's keeper charged off his line and spread himself, blocking Garvey's low shot. The ball rebounded off McKinlay to Brian Thom, who volleyed over from 15 metres.

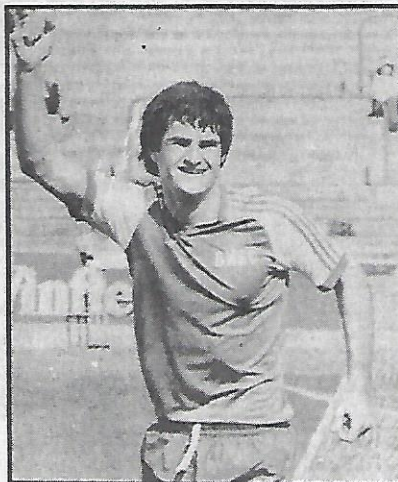
Verechia went within centimetres of breaking the deadlock in the 33rd minute. He got clear on the left of the Wilhelmina area and chipped over Lee only to watch in dismay as the ball went just over the bar and struck the back stanchion.

Garvey's long high lob into the Box Hill area was headed firmly by Kenny Stewart at the far post but straight at McKinlay in the 39th minute. The second half wasn't even a minute old when Guy Bakker hit the upright. He had found room on the left and drove in a shot. The ball struck the far post and was cleared.

I was Gibson who inadvertently had a hand in the next good chance of the game. That was in the 67th minute. A long ball downfield was won in the air by Verechia. He was trying to head to Priestley but headed against Gibson instead. The rebound though, fell kindly for Verechia but his low shot past Lee was just wide of the far post.

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Box Hill midfielder Richard Miranda salutes the crowd after scoring the winner against Wilhelmina.

Bakker had another chance eight minutes later but struck his shot, from the edge of the area, wide of the near post. This chance had come after Garvey displayed his fine close control under pressure.

Wilhelmina had reorganised at half time. Hans Meyer had gone off injured and Ron Verniers came on. David Brooks switched from right back to stopper, Graham Haupt went from left back to right back and Verniers took over at left back when Eddie Pena was replaced by John Nyholt in the 60th minute. Gibson switched from out of midfield to the sweeper's position.

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DOCKERTY CUP SEMI-FINALS WITH CRAIG MACKENZIE

Gojevic, Brogan strike and it's bye, bye Ajax

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Gojevic 14th, Brogan 70th) GREEN GULLY AJAX 0. Dockerty Cup semi-final. Second game of a double header at Olympic Park, Sunday. Crowd: about 2,500. Referee: Maumont 2.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Blasby 8 - Curcio 8, Parton 7, Adams 8, Hannah 7 - Blasik 7 (inj. Latif 30th), Antolovic 7, Faulkner 8, Gojevic 7 - Cumming 8 (Blavay 86th), Brogan 8. Coach: Tommy Cumming.

GREEN GULLY AJAX: Denys 7 - Peter Lewis 6, Cannell 7, Short 7, Hogben 6 (inj. Krizanec 70th) - Vassallo 6 (inj. Greenan 70th), Boyle 7, Williams 6 - Toal 8, Smallman 5, Paul Lewis 5. Coach: David Smallman.

Two things were decided in this match - Melbourne Croatia is a red hot favorite to win the Dockerty Cup and referee Maumont is at even shorter odds not to be in charge of the final.

Croatia didn't demolish Ajax with the ease of its State League Cup triumph but referee Maumont turned in the most outstanding display of inept refereeing I've seen this season.

His performance climaxed in the final 10 minutes. Jozo Antolovic flattened Steve Short who jumped up, grabbed Antolovic by the neck and threw the Croatia midfielder to the ground. Antolovic was booked. Short walked away unpunished.

But let's talk about Croatia's new-found dominance over arch rival Ajax. While Croatia wasn't as brilliant here as it was in the State League Cup final, Ajax again looked lethargic and bereft of ideas up front. That's staggering when you consider that Paul Lewis and David Smallman scored 49 of Ajax's 67 goals in State League this season.

Lewis, as he was in the State League Cup final, was well shocked by Croatia's Tony Curcio and Smallman, while doing well with a couple of free kicks, was rarely sighted.

Ajax's wide player up front, Bobby Toal, found George Hannah as uncompromising as ever. On the few occasions when Toal got forward with the ball, Hannah jockeyed well, holding Toal up and waiting for cover. As a consequence, Toal often found himself surrounded by red-shirted opponents and when he resorted to hopeful crosses, Croatia's centre half Sean Parton or goalkeeper Peter Blasby were unbeatable.

Blasby was very sound in the air here. He's not happy with the way a couple of other goalkeepers in the past have gone into print saying that they should be in the state squad and have won selection. Blasby reckons that he's every bit as good, if not better than any keeper in Victoria and he wants a chance to prove himself in the state team. But he doesn't really fancy pushing his own barrow so let me do it for him. He's a very good goalkeeper.

Croatia looked sharper from the outset. It should have scored in the 5th minute. Jospic, in his now usual taunting and testing fashion, made a great run from the half way line then played the ball to Tommy Cumming, wide on the right. Cumming's cross was miskicked by a defender. David Brogan tried to shoot on the turn, and the ball was deflected to Steve Gojevic who blasted over from 12 metres.

Gojevic turned and volleyed in spectacular fashion in the 13th minute but the ball dipped just over the bar. A minute later, Croatia struck. And what a gem of a goal it was.



Croatia winger Josip Biskic (left) about to surge clear of Ajax's David Hogben on Sunday. Pictures by LES SHORROCK.

Gojevic again got possession, just outside the Ajax area. We all expected another well struck drive but the youngster cleverly lobbed the ball over a defender to Cumming, on the right of the area. Cumming lobbed the ball high and long to the far post. Lou Denys was forced to quickly backpedal but he couldn't make position in time.

Brogan could have gone for goal but intelligently headed the ball across the goalmouth to unmarked Gojevic, about six metres out. This brilliant teenager controlled, turned, and smacked the ball in with Ajax defenders out of position.

Blasby made one of two superb saves in this match, in the 22nd minute. Paul Lewis laid the ball off to Jim Williams, then charged forward into space on the left. Williams sent through a great pass in front of Lewis allowing the Ajax striker to use his remarkable pace. Blasby charged out of goal to the edge of his area but was never going to beat Lewis to the ball. However, using every inch of his long frame, Blasby spread himself and smothered Lewis' shot.

Jozo Antolovic, who played two great lofted balls in this game, bent into the path of Biskic, was at the near post in the 25th minute and although he headed firmly from Biskic's corner, he directed the ball right into Denys' hands.

Paul Lewis should have equalised five minutes from half time. After arms and legs swung wildly in a shoving match inside the Croatia area, the ball fell to Lewis but amazingly, he shot wide from just four metres out!

Ten minutes into the second half, Blasby made another great save. Smallman's low free kick was destined for the corner until Blasby threw himself at full stretch and tipped just wide.

Three minutes later, a pinpoint Biskic cross to the near post found Brogan unmarked but he mistimed his header and the ball flashed well wide. Cumming turned sharply on the left of the Ajax area in the 60th minute and laid the ball

Geo. Cross defends its title

Sunshine-George Cross will defend the Djarrwarri Shield on Saturday, when the annual seven-a-side competition kicks off at 10am at MacPherson Park, Coburn Road, Melton.

Eight teams will contest the Shield and they will be split into two groups. Group A teams are: Sunshine-George Cross, Albion Rovers, Albion City and East Brunswick. Group B teams are: Mossfield Rangers, Kyneton, Melton and an All-Star Select.

The first part of the competition will be a round-robin format to decide the four semi-finalists. Games will be 20 minutes each and in the event of a tie, a corner count will apply. In the event of a tie in the semi-finals, a shoot-out will be used to decide the finalists.

A penalty contest, at about 3pm will be one of the highlights of the day. It will include some of the biggest names in Victorian soccer, including David Smallman, Paul and Peter Lewis, Bobby Toal (all from Ajax) and Tommy Cumming (Melbourne Croatia).

The Shield final is scheduled for 4.30 pm.

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THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN

Hello and welcome again. And a cheery buenas tardes to our amigos from Argentina as this weeek's match we are about to show you comes from the land of pampas, peons, pesas and Perons.

The two protagonists — this, of course, means teeameas — are ancient rivals River Plate and Boca Juniors whose countless clashes over the years — actually, precisely 345, please check it out — have aroused more passion and more histrionics among the fans than two world wars, fifteen military takeovers and all the activities of the now defunct Monteneros.

Both clubs are well known and needed little introduction to the true aficionados of the game but I do it anyway. River was founded in 1901 and this is really odd — in a small teearoom in the suburb of Boca by a bunch of British residents, led by a certain Mr. James Twiney whose second cousin later migrated to Tasmania and whose family now run a flourishing signwriting business in Launceston. Over the years River has won more Argentine league championships than any other club and has bred some of the greats of the country, among them the forward line of Munoz, Moreno, Pedernera, Labruna and Loustau who operated under the nickname of "la maquina" which means machine in Spanish.

Boca Juniors were not, as you'd expect in turn, founded in the suburb of River Plate mainly because there is no such suburb in Buenos Aires but also established in the "Barrio de Boca" which used to be mainly inhabited by Italian migrants. They, too, have won just about every honor Argentine futbol can offer. One of their great teams was built by former Brazilian manager Vicente Fola in the 1960s and then went on to win several titles — three in number — under Eliseo D'Amico and Adolfo Pedernera who died only this month.

River goes into this match tonight — actually, played seven months, two weeks and four days ago — with a depleted teeam. Famous midfielder Juan Hesus de la Santa Rosa was injured in the previous match against Estudiantes de la Plata which River managed to win 2-1 and will be replaced by Hesus Juan de la Rosananta, a useful little man who was signed from Ferrocaril 14 months ago in an exchange for two players, two truckloads of inflated pesos, two milking cows and a copy of the Sydney TV program.

Apart from that, River is at full strength and is hopeful that it can stretch its winning sequence to an amazing 32 matches, briefly interrupted by 11 defeats and 18 draws.

Now, what about Boca whose famous stadium, the Estadio Bonbonera, has become a household word in South America and also at North Sydney?

It goes into this match with the same line-up it had a few weeks earlier in the Campeonato Metropolitano against Chacarita Juniors with only seven changes in the team: out go Lopez, Montez, Horte, Gomez, Frivolez, Confueze and Ez which may weaken the side somewhat.

You will have noted, I doubt, that Arturo Garcia Frivolez is the same player who once played for San Lorenzo d'Almagro, then switched to Huracan where he scored an amazing four goals in 92 matches before being transferred to Los Locos de Peru and then, finally, to Boca. But, of course, he's not playing.

Now, the referee for today's exciting match is Senyor Eduardo Ortega y Gasset de la Hesus Maria from the provincial city of Mar del Plata, famous for its sprawling beaches, dried octopus soup, ladies knitwear and Casinos. Senyor Ortega etc. has refereed 345 junior and 237 senior matches so far in his career, is married, reasonably happy, works as a seal trainer in a zoo and his favorite TV show is Sons and Daughters.

So now we're ready to roll. River will kick from left right, playing in white and Boca from right to left, not wearing hite at all. But what? Really? Well, fancy that. Ladies and gentlemen, amigos de futbol, I'm sorry, the producer has just informed me that the half hour allocated for this match has expired, so we will have to show it to you another time. How time flies. Still, I hope you enjoyed this little introduction which, in any case, was more illuminating than most Argentine matches.

See you next week, until then, goodbye and hasta la vista and all that.

Border boys bid for Vic. leagues

Border soccer club is making a determined bid for inclusion in the Victorian Leagues next year.

International Marketers and Promoters Pty Ltd, recently accepted marketing responsibilities for Border which has negotiated a major sponsorship deal with the successful Attack Sports Company, based in Albany-Wodonga. Border originally was founded to represent the enormous potential of young local players and to have the region represented in the major league, Border, if it wins a place in the Victorian Leagues next year, will have achieved the first goal of a five year plan which the club hopes will take it into the National League. Player-coach Steve Atkins,

a former full time professional with English club Crystal Palace, came to Australia over 10 years ago and played with Ringwood, Werribee, Mooroolbark and Knox City. At present, Border plays in the Canberra League and finished third this season. Apart from Atkins, another notable member of the playing staff is former Newcastle KB star, Neil Endacott. Border's facilities will be boosted by new clubrooms, valued at about \$400,000, and the club has been granted a licence for next season to cover poker machines, food and alcohol.



Marius Tresor Tresor - a French treasure

France's 1-1 draw with Spain in Paris on October 5 was, by all accounts, a poor game but it did produce a noteworthy landmark as Marius Tresor made his 64th international appearance, thereby eclipsing Roger Marche's previous record of French caps.

Tresor, who hails from the French Territory of Guadeloupe in the Caribbean, first came to prominence with the excellent Olympique Marseillais side of the early 1970s.

In 1970-71, Olympique won the French League and Tresor made his international debut while the following campaign saw the club complete a league-cup "double" and its powerful, cool central defender being proclaimed as "Footballer of the Year".

He was to be a familiar figure to Frenchmen throughout the decade, yet had to wait until 1978 before gaining a truly world-wide reputation.

Despite being no more than 70% fit, Tresor impressed all in the role of sweeper during the World Cup finals in Argentina, when the Gauls were so unlucky to be eliminated by the host nation and Italy. Injuries plagued him for the next three seasons; his problems compounded by Olympique Marseillais' remarkable decline.

From its zenith in 1972, Olympique deteriorated rapidly, with a 1976 French Cup triumph merely proving an illusion of continued success.

By 1980, the club not only had fallen into Division Two, but its finances were in an abyssal state. Only the intervention of the local council saved it from bankruptcy.

Even the sale of Tresor did not help the situation in any great extent. Tresor was regarded by most clubs as being too injury-prone and, at 28, too great a risk.

Only one club, Girondins de Bordeaux, displayed any interest and so it gained his signature for a modest sum.

Ironically, Tresor subsequently has displayed the best sustained form of his career.

He, the diminutive, creative midfielder Alain Giresse, elusive winger Gerald Soler and that immaculate distributor of a ball, Jean Tigana, have transformed Girondins into one of the most entertaining teams in France — some say Europe — though it has had to be content with merely verbal and written accolades.

The Bordeaux foursome also provided magnificent entertainment value when playing for France in the 1982 World Cup.

Once more, Tresor's strength, composure and authority gained universal acclaim and his superbly executed goal against West Germany will be remembered just as long as that semi-final's cruel climax.

The World Cup may have ultimately brought frustration to the Frenchmen, but it did confirm that Tresor has few peers as a defender or real, genuine skill.

Recently, the highly respected Eric Batt of London's "World Soccer" magazine named him in his World XI for the second successive year.

Marius Tresor's career may be drawing towards an end, but the amiable, ever approachable, West loquid can be content that his ability has gained the recognition it deserves. — PAUL MOON

LITTLE ENGLAND THE NEW WORLD

Denmark's recent 1-0 victory over England at Wembley, a result which made Denmark odds-on favorite to qualify for the last eight of the European Championship, would have surprised only the most short-sighted Englishman, for the Danes have evolved into the most formidable of opponents.

With Italy eliminated and the other World Cup finalist, West Germany, going through a distinctly sticky patch, there is justifiable optimism in Odense, Aarhus, Aalborg and Copenhagen that their boys even could win the trophy in France next year.

Denmark has a long tradition of producing fine players. The Middlebøe brothers had few peers at the beginning of the century. Carl Hansen spent three distinguished years in Glasgow Rangers' goal during the 1920s. Pal Petersen was right back for FIFA against Britain in 1947 and three seasons later John Hansen won the first of his two Italian championship medals with Juventus.

In 1955 Leschly Sørensen starred on the Rest of Europe's right wing as it left Britain 4-1 and Harald Nielsen's goal lifted Bologna to the 1964 Italian League title.

But, lack of depth has prevented Denmark from making a sustained impact.

Today, though, Denmark fields a team which oozes quality throughout. Having struck a seam of rich talent, the north European kingdom may well emulate Holland, which, despite a previously mediocre international record, came through to shock the soccer world during the last decade.

To date, Denmark's influence on the international scene has been confined almost exclusively to the Olympic Games, in which it gained silver medals in 1908, 1912 and 1960.

This fine record can be explained partially by the fact that Danish soccer was exclusively amateur until 1978 and even today its national league, sponsored by major brewers, Carlsberg, is only semi-professional and merely acts as a springboard for ambitious players who look towards Italy, France, Belgium, Spain and Holland in order to further their careers.

It was Italian national team manager Enzo Bearzot who first warned of Denmark's potential in 1980, when his team was beaten 3-1 in a World Cup qualifying

By PAUL MOON

game, describing the Danes as "potential world beaters".

The potential appears to be well on the way to being realised.

The men who put this nation of just 208,350 registered players on the map are:

OLE KJAER (Esbjerg): A 29-year-old goalkeeper. Although he now has 22 caps to his credit, he only recently cemented a place in the national side. A brilliant last-second reflex save foiled Luther Blissett at Wembley and made Kjaer a national hero.

TROELS RASMUSSEN (Aarhus): A somewhat controversial choice as Kjaer's cover over more experienced and generally higher rated keepers. A graduate from the under-21 and Olympic selections, he has gained 4 full caps, 22 years of age.

SOREN BUSK (La Garsdal): A 30-year-old stalwart defender, he began his career with Glostrup before moving to MVV Maastricht in Holland and transferred to the Belgian club last year. He has made 23 full international appearances.

OLE MADSEN (Brøndby): Moved to his current club from Esbjerg last year in order to come under the influence of coach Finn Løvdrup. A solid back-four player, the 26-year-old has 17 caps.

JAN MOLBY (Ajax Amsterdam): After making a name with Kolding in his native country, this 20-year-old joined Ajax in 1982. Utilised either as a sweeper or midfielder, he has four full caps. A player for future.

IVAN NIELSEN (Feyenoord): An excellent central defender or libero, he moved to Rotterdam from Fremad Amager, a Danish club, and interested in international football during 1981, following a long occupancy of the substitutes' bench, but is now as proud as any to wear the Danish shirt. Aged 26, with 11 caps.

MAARTEN OLSEN (Anderslecht): The captain and, at 34, the oldest squad member. Now playing as a sweeper, he spent most of his career in Belgium — playing for RWD Molenbeek, Cercle Brugge and Lokeren before joining Anderslecht in 1981. He has been capped 56 times.

OLE RASMUSSEN (Hortbø): A tough-tackling, worldwide right back, who has played in the Bundesliga Division Two since 1981. His previous Danish clubs included Holstebro, Odense and Naestved. At 31, he has 32 caps.

FRANK ARNESEN (Anderslecht): Moved to his mercenary best in midfield, after a knee injury sidelined him for the entire 1982-83 campaign. A big-money signing by Valencia from Ajax in 1981, he was allowed to join Anderslecht on a free transfer this year. The 26-times capped 26-year-old started with Fremad Amager.

KLAUS BERGERER (Pisa): Moved to Italy in 1982 from Lyngby, where he had played in three different divisions of the Danish League. A linkman who distributes the ball superbly. Age 25, 7 caps.

JENS-JORN BERTELSEN (Sønderjysk): This ex-Esbjerg midfielder transferred to Sønderjysk in 1982 and was instrumental in the newly-promoted club consolidating its position in the Danish First Division. A skilled performer, he has represented Denmark 26 times. Aged 31.

JOHN LAURIDSEN (Helsingør): An elusive midfielder, this 24-year-old was rated among the

Spanish League's best performers last season — his debut campaign. A bargain buy from Esbjerg, he would have joined Ipswich Town had his representative not been delayed for 24 hours by a snowstorm. Has played for Denmark eight times.

SØREN EBBY (Esbjerg): A world-class player anywhere on the left side of the pitch, he is a strong-tackling, hard-running player equally devastating with either left foot or head. Joined Ajax from Fremad Amager in 1976 and moved to Bayern, as replacement for Bratner, for a reputed \$11 million after captaining the Amsterdam club in its last Dutch championship success. Aged 25 with 31 caps.

KENNETH BRYLLE (Anderslecht): This forceful central striker had not won a single cap before moving to Anderslecht from Vejle for \$60,000 in 1981, but has four now. He, like Olsen, won a UEFA Cup winners' medal last season and scored vital goal in first-leg final v. Benfica. Is 24.

PREBEN ELKJAER-LARSEN (Løkken): A pacy winger and consistent scorer, he has netted 18 goals in 30 games for Denmark. The 26-year-old's previous clubs include Vejle (Denmark) and 1FC Köln (West Germany). Has played a major role in making Løkken a power in Belgian soccer.

MICHAEL LAUDRUP (Juventus): Should Denmark become the Holland of the eighties, as many predict, then surely this superbly gifted forward will develop into the Cruyff of the eighties. Named his country's Footballer of the Year last season, at only 18, he was coveted by many of Europe's leading clubs including Liverpool, Ajax and Barcelona, but chose Juventus which paid Brøndby \$1.2 million for him. Currently on loan to Lazio, as Juve already has its two permitted foreigners. The son of former Danish international Finn Laudrup has five caps to his name.

MICHAEL MANNICHE (Benficia): Moved to Portugal this year from Nivdovre. Prior to the Wembley game had been only a member of Denmark's Olympic squad. Aged 24, his best years obviously lie ahead.

JESPER OLSEN (Ajax Amsterdam): Another supremely gifted Dane, who can play with equal effect in midfield or the forward line. Pacy and enthusiastic, he distributes brilliantly and scored the crucial last-minute equaliser against England in Copenhagen last year. Has been sidelined by a ankle ligament injury for much of this season. A 12-times capped 22-year-old.

ALLAN SIMONSEN (Vejle): The greatest Dane of them all 1977-8 European Footballer of the Year is, arguably, the outstanding winger of the decade past. Won numerous honors with Borussia Mönchengladbach and Barcelona, moving between the two for a \$600,000 transfer fee. With the Spanish club he earned \$350,000 a year. After a season at Charlton Athletic, he is now back with his home-town club Vejle, a diminutive, but explosive, performer, who at 30 is still world-class. The recent England game marked his 40th cap and 19th goal for Denmark.

SEPP PIONKE (Coeck): A competent right back in his native West Germany, he made over 400 appearances for Werder Bremen and won six international caps. Started coaching at Werder, before moving to Fortuna Düsseldorf and then on to Hali; as national team manager. Taking charge of Denmark in 1979, the 43-year-old has become renowned as one of Europe's foremost young coaches.

United recovers, Zico scoffs, Deyna starring

From JIM COOK
our European
correspondent

Deyna stars

One of the top players and one of the top scorers in the North American Soccer League this past season has been former Polish international Kaz Deyna, who had an unsuccessful two-year spell with Manchester City before going to America. He plays for San Diego Sockers.

Bargain

One of the best signings of the English season has been that of Steve Wigley a 21 year old midfielder by Nottingham Forest. Brian Clough recruited Wigley from the Cheshire League at a cost of \$40,000. Wigley was with Manchester side Curzon Ashton.

Clemente

Javier Clemente, 33, who took Athletic Bilbao to the Spanish League title in his first year as coach, had a spell with Ipswich Town in 1981.

Jennings

Pat Jennings the 38-year-old Arsenal and Northern Ireland keeper who has played over 1000 Football League matches and won 100 caps for his country is likely to step down at the end of this season. But Pat is adamant he won't continue to play in a lower division in England and his ultimate destination is likely to be the North American Soccer League.

Red tape

Red tape involving three national FA's is keeping Eng-

land's non-league international out of the game. Peter Robinson of Northern League champions Blyth to join Scottish side Berwick Rangers who played him in two League Cup ties before the Scottish FA. A said he couldn't play again as he wasn't properly cleared. Robinson returned to Blyth played one game and was banned by the English FA. Now it seems the player should have never played as he hadn't been released by Dutch club Sparta of Rotterdam after completing a two year contract.

Liam Brady

Liam Brady, the Arsenal and Republic of Ireland star, joined Juventus for \$1.2 million over three years ago and subsequently moved to Sampdoria, could be back with Terry Neill's Gunners by Christmas or at the latest at the end of the season when he will become a free agent. The first half of the Italian season ends on December 18 and if Sampdoria isn't in the running for promotion then Brady could be released.

Docherty

Tommy Docherty is seldom out of the limelight. His latest suggestion is that Manchester United and England winger Steve Coppell who was recently forced to hang up his boots prematurely at 28 should be considered for a place on the board of directors at Old Trafford in a couple of years and then he could be groomed within the next 20 years to take over as president of the Football Association.

Watson

Two years ago Norwich City

Steve Wigley bought spare Liverpool central defender Dave Watson for \$200,000. Watson has turned out tops and got an Under 21 cap for England against Hungary. But if Watson takes one step higher and gets a full cap for England then Norwich have to fork out another \$200,000 to Liverpool.

Norway

Norway has only five full-time pros in its national side: Skriver of Norway Halvare Thorsen plays for PSV Eindhoven and scored 22 goals last season, central defender Age Hareide is with Norwich City, midfielder star Roger Aertson is with Olympiakos of Greece, striker Arne Larsen Oakland plays for Racing Paris while Arne Dokken is also in Greece with Panathinaikos.

Cold thaws

Soccer links were recently established between USSR and China after a long cold front. Donetsky played three games in and around Peking.

Foreigners

Italy has the greatest number of foreigners in world soccer. At a recent count there were 31 top players from a vast number of countries. And all in the top bracket or too.

Keegan

England skipper Bryan Robson made a last minute appeal to his teammates, Bobby, manager of England, to recall Kevin Keegan, 32, for the European Championship match against Hungary. But Keegan, now with Newcastle United, and after 63 appearances for England, reportedly said he would not again play in an England side managed by Bobby Robson.

CHAMPIONS CUP

Olympiakos Piraeus (Greece) 1 Benfica (Portugal) 0
Liverpool (England) 0 Athletic Bilbao (Spain) 0
Dinamo Bucharest (Romania) 3 SV Hamburg (West Germany-Holders) 0
Bohemians Prague (Czech) 2 Rapid Vienna (Austria) 1
Raba Eto Győr (Hungary) 3 Dinamo Minsk (USSR) 6
Standard Liège (Belgium) 0 Dundee United (Scotland) 0
CSKA Sofia 0 AS Roma (Italy) 1
Dynamo Berlin (East Germany) 2 Partizan Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 0

CUP WINNERS CUP 2ND RD 1ST LEG

Ujpest Dozsa (Hungary) 3 Cologne (West Germany) 1
SK Beveren (Belgium) 0 Aberdeen (Scotland-Holders) 1
Hammarby (Sweden) 1 Haka Valkeakoski (Finland) 1

Shakhtyor Donetsk (USSR) 1 Servette Geneva (Switzerland) 0
Paris St Germain (France) 2 Juventus (Italy) 2
Nec Nijmegen (Netherlands) 2 Barcelona (Spain) 3
Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 2 Porto (Portugal) 1
Spartak Varna (Bulgaria) 1 Manchester United (England) 2

UEFA CUP 2ND ROUND 1ST LEG

R.C. Lens (France) 2 Royal Antwerp (Belgium) 2
Spartak Moscow (USSR) 2 Aston Villa (England) 2
Sparta Rotterdam (Netherlands) 3 Carl Zeiss Jena (East Germany) 2
Widzew Lodz (Poland) 1 Sparta Prague 0
P.S.V. Eindhoven (Netherlands) 1 Nottingham Forest (England) 2
R.S.C. Anderlecht (Belgium) 2 Banik Ostrava (Czech) 0
Austria Vienna (Austria) 2 Laval (France) 0
Verona (Italy) 2 Sturm Graz (Austria) 2
Horned Budapest (Hungary) 3 Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia) 2
Tottenham (England) 4 Feyenoord (Netherlands) 2
Lokomotiv Leipzig (East Germany) 1 Werder Bremen (West Germany) 0
Watford (England) 1 Levski Sofia 1
Radnicki Nis (Yugoslavia) 4 Inter Bratislava (Czech) 0
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SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

Mueller leads German victory over USSR



Soviet goalkeeper Rudakov saves a point-blank shot from West German winger Kramer in the final in Brussels. West Germany won 3-0.

The marvellous soccer put on by Europe's best soccer nations in the 1970 World Cup in Mexico indicated that the battle for supremacy in the Old World would be intriguing, spectacular and highly competitive.

And when the fourth edition of the European Championships came around, many top teams were more than ready to have a crack at it.

Italy, World Cup finalist and European Championship holder, was determined to hang on to its experienced stars to defend its crown with dignity. And West Germany, which provided so many thrilling moments in the rarified air in Mexico, was as ambitious as ever while England looked upon these titles as a means of avenging the bad luck which had tormented it in Guadalajara and Leon.

Even Belgium and the USSR, victims of partisan refereeing in Mexico, were posing a serious threat.

The 32 applicants again were split into eight four-team groups, with the winner to go through to the quarter-finals.

ANGUS TO SOUTHEAST
Mike Angus, who was reported to have joined Heidelberg last February, has signed for English Third Division side Southend United. The powerful defender, given a free transfer by Middlesbrough, completed the latter part of the 1982-83 season at Southend, but failed to impress sufficiently to warrant a full time contract. — PAUL MOON.

OCEANIA UNDER 16s

Eight entries have now been confirmed for the inaugural Oceania under 16 tournament which commences in Auckland on December 4. Australia, Chinese Taipei, Fiji, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Solomon Islands, Tahiti and Vanuatu will participate in the week long carnival. — PAUL MOON.

PHILLIP MICALLEF continues his history of the European Championship...

Czechoslovakia, unable to produce another decent team after the retirement of old maestros Masopust, Pluskal and Schroll, failed badly in qualifying Group One.

The Czechs were held to a 1-1 draw by Finland after beating the Finns 4-0, thus allowing Rumania to go through.

In Group Two Hungary came back from a home draw with France to win a tough section which also included Bulgaria.

Group Three easily was won by England, which dropped only one point on its way to the quarter-finals.

USSR and Spain, which met in the second Nations' Cup final, fought out Group Four and the Soviets won again by beating the Spaniards 2-1 in Moscow and holding them to a 1-1 draw in Spain.

Paul van Himst, the great Anderlecht centre-forward, was one of Belgium's star players as it swept past Scotland, Portugal and Denmark to win a place in the "last eight" of the competition for the first time in its history.

Holder Italy had no difficulty in winning Group Six after taking five points from its first three matches away to Australia, Eire and Sweden.

Yugoslavia to a goalless draw in Belgrade and finished the opposition off with a 3-0 triumph at home.

The other quarter-final went into a play-off.

Neither Hungary nor Rumania was able to go past the Magyars' beat their neighbors 2-1 to make the "four".

Belgium was no match to West Germany in the first semi-final in Antwerp.

Ace marksman Mueller netted a goal in each half to put West Germany in a commanding lead before Pollenius narrowed the margin for the outclassed Belgians.

In Brussels the USSR won the other semi-final 1-0. Dynamo Kiev inside-forward Konkov scored the Soviet winner eight minutes into the second half of a dull match.

Lambert and van Himst, Belgium's star forwards, netted twice for their country in the match for third place in Liege before fewer than a 1000 fans.

Ku scored a late consolation goal for Hungary which finished in fourth place. As so often happened in the past so much early Magyar promise ended in a big disappointment.

Thousands of West German "invaders" flocked to the final against the Soviet Union. The Heyes Stadium was packed to capacity and a top match was on the cards.

Goalkeeper Rudakov and sweeper Khurtsilva tried desperately to check the German machine but there was nothing they could do to stop Netzer and, above all, Mueller.

The cheeky Bayern Munich goal-poacher netted two goals and Borussia's Wimmer scored another to help West Germany become the new champion of Europe.

The was to be one of the most convincing victories in the history of international soccer competition.

And with the next World Cup to be held in West Germany, could there be a team to stop this formidable side?

FOURTH EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP 1970-72

Group One

Rumania — Finland 3-0, 4-0
Wales — Rumania 0-0, 0-2
C'vicko — Rumania 1-0, 1-2
Wales — Finland 3-0, 1-0
Finland — C'vicko 0-4, 1-1
Qualified: Rumania

Group Two

Norway — Hungary 1-3, 0-4
Hungary — France 1-1, 2-0
Hungary — Bulgaria 2-0, 0-3
Bulgaria — Norway 1-1, 4-1
Norway — France 1-1, 1-3
France — Bulgaria 2-1, 1-2
Qualified: Hungary

Group Three

Malta — Greece 1-1, 0-2
Malta — Switzerland 1-2, 0-5
Malta — England 0-1, 0-1
Switzerland — England 2-3, 1-1
Switzerland — Greece 1-0, 1-0
England — Greece 3-0, 2-0
Qualified: England

Group Four

Cyprus — Russia 1-3, 1-6
USSR — Spain 2-1, 0-0
USSR — N. Ireland 1-0, 1-1
N. Ireland — Cyprus 0-5, 3-0
Cyprus — Spain 0-2, 0-4
Spain — N. Ireland 3-0, 1-1
Qualified: USSR

Group Five

Belgium — Denmark 2-0, 2-1
Belgium — Scotland 3-0, 0-1
Belgium — Portugal 3-0, 1-1
Portugal — Scotland 2-0, 1-2
Scotland — Denmark 1-0, 0-1
Denmark — Portugal 0-1, 0-5
Qualified: Belgium

Group Six

Austria — Italy 1-2, 2-2
Italy — Eire 3-0, 2-1
Sweden — Italy 0-0, 0-3
Sweden — Austria 1-0, 0-1
Eire — Australia 1-4, 0-6
Sweden — Eire 1-0, 1-1
Qualified: Italy

Group Seven

Holland — Yugoslavia 1-1, 0-2
Luxembourg — Yugoslavia 0-2, 0-2
Yugoslavia — E. Germany 0-0, 1-1
E. Germany — Luxembourg 2-1, 5-0
Luxembourg — Holland 0-5, 0-6
Holland — E. Germany 3-2, 0-1
Qualified: Yugoslavia

Group Eight

W. Germany — Turkey 1-1, 3-0
Albania — W. Germany 0-1, 0-2
Poland — Turkey 3-0, 0-0
Poland — Turkey 5-1, 0-1
Albania — Turkey 3-0, 1-2
Albania — Poland 1-1, 0-3
Qualified: West Germany

Quarter-finals

England — W. Germany 1-3, 0-0
Italy — Belgium 0-0, 1-2
Hungary — Rumania 1-1, 2-2
Yugoslavia — Russia 0-0, 0-3

Semi-finals

USSR — Hungary 1-0
Belgium — W. Germany 1-2

Match for Third Place

Belgium — Hungary 2-1

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WEST GERMANY — USSR 3-0 (1-0 Mueller, 2 Wimmer).

WEST GERMANY: Moller, Hotzger, Breitner, Beckenbauer, Schwarzenbach, Wimmer, Heyes, Kneiss, Mueller, Netzer, Kramer.

USSR: Rudakov, Dodosushvili, Khurtsilva, Kachnany, Istomin, Troshkin, Kolotov, Baldechin, Komkov (Dolmatov), Benichevski (Kozhnikov), Ontchanko, REFEREE: Marshall (Austria).

David Mitchell scores winner, Migueli sent off

David Mitchell's value continued to skyrocket as he scored Glasgow Rangers' winning goal in a 2-1 triumph over Porto of Portugal in an European Cup Winners' Cup match in Glasgow.

Mitchell, formerly of Adelaide Juventus, joined Rangers from Sydney Hakohah a few months ago.

Meanwhile Barcelona, reputedly the world's richest soccer club, one again resorted to strong-arm tactics to get its own way against modest Dutch opponent N.E.C. Nijmegen which could count itself unlucky to lose this European Cup winners cup 2nd

round first leg match 2-3 after going two goals in front.

Three Spaniards — Victor, Carrasco and Sanchez — were booked as Barcelona tried vainly to keep the Dutch in check.

Nijmegen had managed to get past the body checks and over-the-ball tackles to score twice but Barcelona pulled one back immediately and a wretched piece of ill-luck allowed the Spaniards to pull level.

Janssen opened the score in the fifth minute but no sooner had Mommerzt put them further ahead than Migueli reduced the deficit by scoring straight from the re-start.

Disaster struck in the 55th minute as Van Rossum lobbed the ball over his own goalkeeper to make it 2-2.

Migueli then got his marching orders for a particularly bad piece of aggression on Mommerzt, but Barcelona defended ferociously and Urbano broke away to score an undeserved third goal for Barcelona in the 70th minute.

Barcelona's recent past has been clouded by periodic outbreaks of violence, one of its most infamous performances coming in the 1982 European Cup winners cup final when it beat the Belgians of Standard Liege.

Liverpool, the 1977, 1978 and 1981 European champion, will be up against it in the second leg of the champions cup in two weeks' time.

Despite enjoying 90 per cent possession, they seldom looked capable of piercing a resolute Bilbao defence, superbly marshalled by Andoni Goikoetxea, and the match ended in a 0-0 draw.

England's other main hopeful 1979 and 1980 European champion Nottingham Forest, is well placed in the UEFA Cup, having won 2-1 against PSV Eindhoven in Holland.

The most intriguing second leg tie will be between Feyenoord, European Cup winners in 1970, and England's Tottenham.

Tottenham led 4-0 at half-time in London, but Feyenoord, inspired by Johann Cruyff, pulled two goals back in the second half and will be full of confidence in the return in Rotterdam.

FA Cup, then the boot

Jimmy Melia, who took Brighton to the FA Cup final and relegation from the English soccer first division, has resigned.

Melia took his decision five days after a humiliating 5-0 defeat at Grimsby when team selection was taken out of his control.

Chris Cattlin, given increasingly wider powers by chairman Mike Bamber, will take full charge following Melia's departure.

The 47-year-old former Liverpool star, was sacked in the past by Crewe and Aldershot. Melia took temporary charge of Brighton last December when Mike Bailey left and was confirmed in the job after the FA Cup fifth round triumph at Liverpool in February.

But while he drove the club towards a Wembley date with Manchester United — and ultimate defeat in a replay — Brighton slid into the Second Division, winning only two of its last 13 league games.

But the bawling, disc-dancing, wise-cracking Melia seemed assured of his place at the Goldstone and only last week Bamber insisted he wanted Cattlin and Melia to develop a partnership along the lines of the famous Malcolm Allison-Joe Mercer duo at Manchester City.



Johann Cruyff

Cruyff uses his hip

JOHANN CRUYFF may no longer be the Flying Dutchman of 10 years ago. But, boy, he can still play a bit.

Johann proved that this time last year when he orchestrated Ajax's 2-2 draw with Celtic in Glasgow. Recently we again examined his contribution against St Mirren.

Here's a comparison (last season's figures in brackets) which shows that the past 12 months and a change of club have done little to blunt Johann's skills.

During the 90 minutes Cruyff struck no fewer than 59 (52 last year) passes of which only 13 (11) missed their intended destination. Indeed, one of his most telling touches came when he laid the ball on with his hip for Andre Hoekstra to burst through the Saints defence.

He had five (three) attempts at goal, three (two) missing, the target, and wasted just one (none) of the 10 (11) set-pieces he was involved in.

He improved on last year's heading tally (nil) by clearing a corner in the first half. He was also penalised for not releasing the ball behind his head when taking one of his five throw-ins.

Johann covered every blade of the turf, and more than once filled in as either sweeper or right-back to allow defenders to move forward and support the attack.

He always had an opinion to offer to either a team-mate or the referee. And, unlike some, he knows what he's talking about!

From KB to Gretna

Jim Hamilton, the ex Newcastle KB United midfielder, has joined Gretna which has just won membership of the Dryburgh Northern League — traditionally among England's strongest amateur competitions.

Although Gretna lies in Scotland and, earlier in the season, gained fame as the destination of eloping teenage couples, the town's soccer team is affiliated to the English federation.

This must be regarded as another stage in the winding down of the 28-year-old's career. — PAUL MOON.

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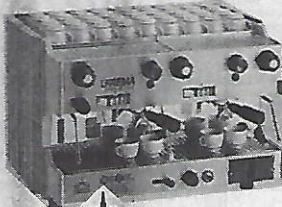
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La Juventus di quest'anno, pur mancando di grandi individualità in senso assoluto e costante, come assieme e' stata la migliore formazione bianconera vista in azione da molti anni e avrebbe meritato di vincere il campionato statale che in ogni caso e' una competizione alquanto limitata poiche', dall'avvento della lega nazionale s'e' ridotta ad una contesa fra due squadre (Preston e Croatia prima, Green Gully e Croatia dopo) piu' la squadra in forma del campionato (Frankston, Croydon e Juventus negli ultimi anni).

Con un campo tanto limitato arrivare terzi, come era successo del resto anche l'anno scorso, e' un risultato discreto sulla carta ma in effetti e' equivalente ad arrivare ultimi della prima classe. La differenza fra il terzo posto dell'anno scorso e quello di questo anno e' che nel primo caso il distacco dalle due squadre di testa era stato piu' marcato e praticamente la Juventus non era mai stata in lotta per lo scudetto: nel secondo caso il

distacco e' stato minimo e la squadra e' stata al comando della classifica o in zona scudetto fino alle ultimissime battute del campionato. Il terzo posto di quest'anno e' stato ancora piu' meritorio poiche' il livello della competizione del 1983 e' stato indubbiamente superiore, e di molto, a quello del 1982.

Ma giacche' siamo in tema di paragoni bisogna anche dire che la Juventus del 1982 era stata ricostruita quasi interamente dalla formazione retrocessa l'anno precedente, mentre la squadra del 1983 era in gran parte riconfermata e quindi migliorata da nuovi elementi di valore come Lloyd Rogers e Drinocky, senza contare la definitiva utilizzazione di Zinni e l'arrivo di Cullen a campionato oltre il giro di boa.

Con il maggiore affidamento e con l'aggiunta di buoni elementi, anche ad un livello piu' elevato della competizione, la Juventus avrebbe dovuto vincere il campionato. Con questa premessa il terzo posto e' quindi da considerare un insuccesso, non e' possibile farsi illusioni.

Ma vediamo in dettaglio perche' la Juventus avrebbe dovuto vincere il campionato e perche' invece l'ha perso.

All'inizio dell'anno l'amministrazione Juventus aveva finalmente capito che una squadra vincente (piu' di campo e di sede che nessuno avrebbe usato) era la base di un rilancio del club. Si cominciò quindi con il reperire il migliore allenatore disponibile sul mercato e Margaritis sembrò essere l'uomo giusto. Si decise quindi di non trasferire alcun giocatore ad eccezione di Cunningham che si era trasferito in Tasmania per ragioni di lavoro.

Con una squadra già fatta e riconfermata si proseguì a rinforzarla, anche se non con eccessiva decisione: infatti il giovane Drinocky venne acquistato come alternativa al vecchio Donaldson solo dopo che la squadra aveva beccato quattro reti in una partita di Ampol Cup. Prima di lui erano arrivati l'esperto Rogers (unica scelta personale dell'allenatore) che avrebbe dovuto essere il regista del centrocampo e il giovane Lloyd come motorino e mezzapunta.

L'intenzione di rinforzare la prima linea rimase solo tale per limitazione di mezzi e anche perche' il mercato non offriva molto di meglio rispetto a quello che si aveva. D'altra parte French (che era stato richiesto dal Croatia), Incantalupo, Zinni e Nelson più l'apporto di mezzepunte come Ged Bannon, Lloyd e Swinscoe erano a dir poco sufficienti per passare qualsiasi difesa avversaria: almeno tante volte necessarie per vincere, anche se nessuno si aspettava risultati tennistici.

La Juventus appariva perciò squadra affidata, bilanciata e con sufficienti rincalzi per affrontare un lungo campionato (alle prime battute erano in panchina gente come Ged Bannon, Tony Heery, Ti-

ziano Cavallari, Jim Nelson, Frank Geremia, Alec Fantoma).

Si vide subito che Margaritis aveva avuto una influenza molto positiva su alcuni elementi, come Pat Bannon, Henry Hird, Kevin Swinscoe che migliorarono il loro rendimento rispetto all'anno prima. Drinocky si rivelò l'elemento forte, fisicamente dotato e giovane, di cui la difesa aveva bisogno. Gli ordini specifici a Pat e Vince Bannon di rimanere in posizione, invece di avventurarsi troppo spesso in avanti, fecero di ella difesa bianconera una delle più formidabili del campionato e l'ultima a capitulare (non subì alcuna rete fino al quarto turno).

Il centrocampo di Rogers, Swinscoe e Lloyd divenne presto un altro punto forte della squadra, capace di contrastare le avanzate avversarie, di costruire in fase offensiva e di andare a rete all'occorrenza.

Anche se comitato, tecnici e tifosi non ci credevano ancora, noi addizionalmente, immediatamente la Juventus come squadra da campionato. Infatti, a parte il vero e proprio infortunio contro il Polonia, la Juventus continuò a macinare risultati positivi dopo aver battuto Croatia e Green Gully in due turni consecutivi, svenne a trovare in cima al campionato e con il vento in poppa.

Ormai tutti si erano convinti che la Juventus potesse vincere il campionato, tanto che cominciarono a diventare incauti. Dall'inizio del campionato erano venuti a mancare Tony Heery e Tiziano Cavallari; Fabio Incantalupo era impegnato con la nazionale giovanile e Andrew Zinni erafortunato per diverse settimane. La buona rosa di giocatori in cui tanto si era insistito all'inizio dell'anno si era così dissipata e il comitato, nonostante i nostri continui avvertimenti, non corse ai ripari.

Si arrivò così alla partita con il Box Hill, nell'undicesima giornata. La Juventus, prima in classifica, era rimasta con undici giocatori di cui due (Rogers e Swinscoe) infortunati ma costretti a scendere in campo ugualmente. Fino a che ressero, la Juventus dominò senza però riuscire a segnare: quando Rogers e Swinscoe crollarono, crollo naturalmente il centrocampo e la difesa fu messa sotto pressione e concesse il rigore fatale che sentenziò la sconfitta e la perdita del primato in classifica.

Facili partite contro un Morwell in crisi ed un modestissimo Albion e due settimane di interruzione del campionato per gli incontri della nazionale con l'Inghilterra, diedero alla Juventus la possibilità di riprendere fiato e di recuperare Zinni e Incantalupo, ma non Swinscoe che era stato un punto di forza della squadra nel girone d'andata. Inoltre Incantalupo, dopo la magnifica prova nella coppa del mondo giovanile, si venne a trovare in panchina nella partita contro un forte George Cross solo perche' Margaritis non intendeva cambiare una formazione vincente (aveva vinto contro un morto e contro il vicefanalino di coda).

Così il George Cross conduceva per 2-1 a 18 minuti dalla fine e solo una providenziale bordata di Fabio (che finalmente Margaritis si era deciso a fare entrare al posto

di Ged Bannon) salvò parzialmente la situazione in zona Cesarini, un importante punto era stato però perso.

Intanto il comitato aveva rinforzato la squadra, secondo loro, con l'acquisto di Robert Cullen, ottimo giocatore senza alcun dubbio, ma sfortunatamente doppiato di Zinni o di Incantalupo e quindi assolutamente inutilizzabile. Ma come si fa a non utilizzare un campione costato una fortuna?

Fu così che Margaritis cominciò a fare salti mortali per includere Cullen, quando la Juventus, nuovamente quasi al completo, aveva ripreso la sua lena. La settimana dopo a Croydon guidava per 3-0 quando Margaritis tirò fuori un ottimo French per far posto a Cullen. La settimana successiva, contro un coriaceo Fawkner, fu Incantalupo ad essere per far posto al nuovo arrivato; un altro punto perso. Quindi fu la volta di Lloyd a rimanere fuori all'inizio della partita con il South Melbourne e poiche' nemmeno lui poteva star fuori, fu French (che quel giorno stava giocando una delle sue migliori partite dell'anno ed aveva magistralmente segnato una rete) ad uscir fuori; risultato un altro punto perso. La settimana dopo, contro il non eccelso Doveton, fu Zinni a rimanere fuori. Contro il Polonia Drinocky rimase fuori perche' infortunato così fu facile trovare posto in squadra per tutti. La Juventus a questo punto era a due punti dalle due reti Croatia e Green Gully.

Nell'incontro importantissimo contro il Croatia la settimana successiva Margaritis, pur di far giocare tutti i galli nel pollaio, inventò un incredibile 5-1-4, con Rogers come copio stopper, Ged Bannon unico centrocampista di ruolo e quattro attaccanti: Zinni, Cullen, French e Incantalupo. Uno dei peggiori Croatia vinti quest'anno (senza Brogan e Lattif) fece il buono e il cattivo tempo e guidava indisturbato per 1-0 anche dopo che Ged Bannon era stato rimpiantato da un rientratissimo Swinscoe.

Con il Croatia affatto spettacolare, Margaritis tentò il tutto per tutto ebbene la trovata geniale di tirar fuori Drinocky, beccandosi così la seconda rete, ma il sostituto Lloyd si avventò sul centrocampo come un forsennato e riuscì a girare le sorti della partita con una incredibile prestazione. La Juventus segnò tre reti in dieci minuti e vinse la partita in modo entusiasmante. Se fosse scesa in campo con un attaccante in meno ed un centrocampista in

più dall'inizio, il Croatia sarebbe stato sepolto, perche' in giornata negativa.

Un avversario diretto era stato così fatto fuori e con l'entusiasmo alle stelle per quella fantastica vittoria, sembrava che anche il Green Gully avesse dovuto fare la stessa fine la settimana dopo.

Per l'occasione Margaritis inventò un nuovo 3-3-4, eliminando il centrocampista contro la squadra che aveva il capocannoniere del campionato. Fu così che il micidiale Paul Lewis si trovò tutto solo in diverse occasioni e segnò due reti (ne avrebbe potute segnare almeno altre due) e la squadra, generosissima e "caricata" quel giorno si vide beffata prima dalla panchina e poi dalla sorte che le negò un meritato pareggio. Il campionato era così irrimediabilmente perse.

In sintesi ecco perche' i motivi della mancata affermazione della squadra avrebbero meritato la mancanza numerica di giocatori a metà campionato (sconfitta con il Box Hill) e l'acquisto sbagliato di un pur gran giocatore che per essere inserito in squadra a tutti i costi non permise più a Margaritis di avere la stessa formazione per due settimane consecutive e ruppe quell'importantissimo bilancio di squadra che si era così mirabilmente creato, causando i pareggi contro Fawkner e Hellas e la sconfitta contro il Green Gully (oltre che ad una sconfitta evitata miracolosamente contro un Croatia che era l'ombra di se' stesso).

E gli "esperti" non vengano a dirci che la Juventus ha perso il campionato perche' non ha segnato abbastanza. Questa teoria e' ridicola perche' una media superiore alle due reti a partita (35 in 26 partite, contro 19 subite) e' ottimale. Il fatto che il Green ne abbia segnate 67 e il Croatia 72 prova solo che queste due reti a partita (35 in 26 partite, contro 19 subite) e' ottimale.

Il Croatia ha segnato 18 reti contro Hellas e Fawkner, mentre contro le stesse due squadre il Green Gully ne ha segnato addirittura 24! Contro queste squadre colabrodo la Juventus ha segnato un totale di 5 reti, però ne ha segnate 7 contro Croatia e Green Gully vincendo 3 partite su quattro contro le dirette avversarie per il titolo!

HIRD IL MIGLIORE



Harry Hird, il classico terzino sinistro juventino (tratta foto) ha ricevuto il trofeo come miglior giocatore della Juventus per il 1983; Zinni e Incantalupo, a pari merito, quello per il capocannoniere. Il premio per il giocatore più migliorato e' andato anche a Zinni, mentre il trofeo di "best clubman" e' stato assegnato a Rogers. La premiazione e' avvenuta domenica scorsa. PHOTO ERMES BERGAGNA



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2Pruva dva mesta su pripala Sidneju, dok su predstavnici Melburna bili treći i četvrti, što je utesna nagrada, jer su ambicije i zelje klubova iz Viktorije opravdane bile mnogo veće. Ali, ono što nije ostvareno ove, može se ostvariti iduće godine.

Ako nista drugo, bar je Melburn dao najboljeg strelca, jer je Doug Brown sa dva gola u Brisbane izbio na prvo mesto, a njegov club South Melbourne Hellas ima sansu da osvoji Nacionalni kup, čije se finale igraju u Sidneju i Melburnu, gde se još jedna uspešna sezona završava sa GALA ZABAVOM u Southern Cross Hotelu 14. novembra kada ćemo saznati i sastav nove proširene Nacionalne lige za 1984. godinu.

"PLAVA" rapsodija

JUST je za prošlu sezonu daleko iznad opasne zone, koja je to bila samo na papiru, jer ove godine nije bilo ispadanja. Iako su se "plavi" sa Leichardom iz Sidneja nije imao nikakvog znaka, ipak je privukao veliki broj JUSTOVH navijača, koji su verno bodrili svoje ljubimce tokom cele godine i pomogli im da se izvuku iz krize. Utakmice igrači su bili gosti Drage Zorice, što je bio moralni podrška da se i kasno odigra poslednja utakmica sa desetakom timom. JUST je nastupio bez 4 standardna igrača, od kojih su Kiri Kyriakoulas, Vlatko Belic i Sulejman Curovic suspendovani, dok je Edward Taylor povredjen. U prvom poluvremenu gosti su imali više od igre, ali kad su se "plavi" sredili potpuno su nadigrali protivnika, koji je srećno izvukao jedan bod. Zdravko Lujic jeste jedan od najzaslužnijih igrača za ovaj preokret u igri. Pored toga što je izjednačio rezultat, pripremio je nekoliko prilika koje nisu smele da se promase. Sa ovim golom, Zdravko Lujic je postao najbolji JUSTOV strelac u Nacionalnoj ligi od njenog osnivanja. Postigao je 22 gola, jedan više od Mende Ristovskog.

Vrlo dobro su igrali mladi igrači Tom Karic i Slobodan Stojevski, koji je zbog povreda izgubio mesto u prvom timu, ali je ovog puta pokazao da JUST može mnogo od njega da očekuje. Tom Karic polazio je ispit 2. osti. Na nekoliko utakmica, koje je odigrao u Nacionalnoj ligi, bio je uvek među najboljima na terenu. Pavle Simic uvek prolazi kroz krizu iz koje se sam može izvuci radom i voljom. Njegov talenat nije za bacanje, pa će ovaj odmor dobro doći da povrti poverenje u sebe. A imace priliku, jer se igraju prijateljske i turnir utakmice, na kojima su napetost i odgovornost mnogo manji.

Vec iduce nedelje 30. oktobra na JUSTOVOM igralistu održava se PIKNIK na komer se kombinovani tim JUSTA sastaje sa ambicioznim Springvale Unitedom, što će biti odlična proba za mlade igrače.

Pored ove utakmice na PIKNIKU igraju JUSTOVI veterani protiv SKota, koje predvodi Bobby MacLachlan. Za JUST će igrati Frank Micic, Marko Fode, Veroslav Mladenovic, Marjan Lopatic, Steva Zakarnok, Milorad Velickovic, Milenko Ruzmir i jos nekoliko slavni imena iz inedavne prošlosti. Na drugoj strani, takodje videćemo nekoliko bivših reprezentativca Viktorije i Australije.

Prvu predigru ovog zanimljivog turnira odigrace JUSTOVI juniori ispod 16 godina protiv Juventusa iz Hobarta. Gosti sa Tasmanije su prvaci ispod 17 godina, tako da ćemo videti tri uzbudljive utakmice u jednom danu, pored ostalih zanimljivosti, kojih je uvek bilo na pretek kada JUST priredjuje izlet na svom terenu.

FINALE DOKERTY DUPA

Fudbalska sezona u Viktoriji završava se iduce nedelje, kada će se odigrati finale Dockerty Kupa, sa kojim se igra od 1909. godine. Croatia je na najboljem putu da ovaj dragoceni trofej osvoji po peti put, čime bi bio dostignut rekord Juventusa. Footscray Thistle, koji je bio najbolji dub između dva svetska rata, i Hakoaha. Dva zadnja kluba više ne postoje, dok Juventus doživljava preopred. Medjutim, za Croatiju je

najvažnija druga uzastopna pobeda nad Ajaksom, čime je prekinut samopinski monopol ovog kluba, koji je trajao tri godine. Protivnik Croatije u finalu je neoecekivano Box Hill, jedini predstavnik stare predratne garde, koji ni jedanput nije osvojio ovaj dragoceni trofej. Bice to najveća senzacija ako to uradi ovog puta.

AMATERSKO FINALE

Prosele utakmice na obe finalne utakmice Amaterskog kupa na Como Parku.

U finalu kupa za rezerve Salesian College visoko je porazio Crvenu zvezdu. Trener Zvezde je imao veliki izbor igrača, ali se odlucio za najslabiji sastav. Pored toga, izneverio je opet Miki Cvetkovski, koji je ostavio svoje drugove na cedilu posto je isključen nediscipline i "prijavio" jezika. Pobeda sa 5:2 (1:0) je previsoka, jer je Zvezda sa 10 igrača ipak bila ravnopravan protivnik tokom cele utakmice. Golove su postigli Mladen Mucic u 49. i Milorad Mijovic u 90. minutu.

Tek u produžetku finalne utakmice Amaterskog kupa, Westall Timorese uspeo je da savlada Albanian Eagles sa 4:2. U regularnom vremenu utakmica se završila neresheno 2:2 (1:1), iako je albanian Eagles vodio sa 3:1 skoro do kraja utakmice. Strelci za Eagles: Ljubice Ivanovski i Agran Serifi.

TURNIR U ADELAIDI

Ringwood/Srbija odlazi u petak uvece autobusima u Adelaidu, gde se održava turnir srpskih klubova u Australiji. Po svojoj prilici Ringwood/Srbija će biti pojačana za ovaj turnir, jer će na turniru igrati prvotimci domaci Beograd i Avala iz Sidneja. Beograd je nedavno osvojio prvenstvo Južne Australije i favorit je za osvajanje ovog turnira, ali ni Avala nije za potcenjivanje. Četvrti učenik ovog turnira Morava iz Perta osvojio je prvenstvo četvrti divizije.

TURNIR U WODONGI

Na turniru u Wodongi, koji se održava u seleducu

subotu i nedelju, učestvuju amaterski klub Crvena zvezda iz Melburna pobeđnik prošlogodišnjeg turnira. Po svojoj prilici zajedno sa Zvezdom otiće na ovaj turnir i amaterski prvak Bosna, čiji su igrači prošle zube dobili sve trofeje Amaterskog saveza. Igor Mukavec je proglašen za najboljeg igrača amaterske divizije u Melburnu, dok je Ibro Hadziabdic dobio trofej najboljeg strelca. Postigao je 47 golova, iako nije odigrao ni polovinu prvenstvenih utakmica.

Pored toga Bosna je dobila prelazni i stalni pehar za osvajanje samopinskih titule. Pehare je primio u ime kluba trener kMilorad Velickovic, koji je odigrao sve prvenstvene i kup utakmice. I na kraju Zeljko Mikulic je primio pehar, koji je dodeljen Bosni za fer igru i primerano sportsko ponašanje tokom cele sezone.

JUGO TURNIR U GEELONGU

Od 1976. godine u Geelongu se održava Jugo-turnir svih klubova iz Viktorije. Prošlogodišnji pobeđnik je Bosna iz Melburna, a ove godine turnir ima najveći broj učenika. Prijavilo se sledićih 15 timova: J.U.S.T. 3 tima (drugi tim, rezerva i juniori ispod 16), Springvale United 2 tima, Bosna Richmond, Bosna Geelong, Beograd United, Altona Vojvodina, Carlton Mladost, Crvena zvezda, Tarax, Lalar Sloga, Northern Suburbs, J.A.S.K. iz Geelonga. Turnir će se održati u subotu i nedelju 5/6. novembra na igralistu Jugoslovenskog centra, Hendy Street Corio.

SVETSKI KUP U MELBURNU

Medji 15 prijavljenih učenika za Svetski kup, koji organizuje Knox City, nalazi se i Jugoslavija, koja će biti sastavljena od igrača naših vodećih klubova. Mirko Rujevic je prihvatio ulogu selektora i svi zainteresovani igrači treba da mu se prijave telefonom. Turnir počinje 12. novembra, a završava se 3. decembra. Nekoliko utakmica snimace televizijska stanica 0/28.

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by Manos Milios

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΚΥΠΕΛΛΟ 1983

Τό β' Ελληνικό Κύπελλο θα γίνει φέτος στο Μορντιάκλον με διοργανώτρια την ομάδα του Έρριχ ο άνθρωπος του οποίου από καιρό τώρα έχουν αρχίσει να προετοιμάζονται για να είναι συνεκτικές απέναντι στις απαιτήσεις της επιτροπής.

Σε γενικές γραμμές φαίνεται ότι από όλους έχει γίνει μία άμεση προσοχή στην δουλειά έτσι ώστε ο θεσμός αυτός να προχωρήσει έμπνευσε σε σοβαρές βάσεις.

Τό ότι είς τό έτος πλέον τό Κύπελλο θα τό άρλοθετεί ή Γενική Γραμματεία Αθλητισμού της Έλληνικής Δημοκρατίας, δείχνει καθαρά ότι τό έλλωτες "θερινό" τουρνουά ποό γίνεται στο Πόρτ Μέλμπορν και είχε γίνει κατόπιν κάποιο τρόπο μονοαθλητισμός της Ν.Ελλάδας, πηρ νεία ισορροπία την απαιτούμενη βαρύνεται για την οποία πιστεύουμε ότι θα παραμείνει με τις επιτροπές ποό θα είναι στα έπόμενα χρόνια.

Πάντως μέχρι τώρα ή στήλη έχει χροός να συγκαταεί τις προστάσεις της περσιανής επιτροπής καθώς και αυτές που ήγεται τό β' Ελληνικό Κύπελλο και να της εύχηθεί καλή έπιτυχία.

ΣΥΜΠΕΡΙΣΤΑΣΗ ΜΕ ΤΟ ΟΜΑΔΕΣ

Μεγάλη ή συμμετοχή των ομάδων μας φέτος και τό δείχνει καθαρά ή άουτράς ποό έστιασε στις 20 και οι όποιες χωριστικά από 4 δώδεκας ή όποιες είναι οι έξι:

A' ΟΜΑΔΑ

ΕΛΛΑΣ - Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ - ΜΑΛΑΞΕΝ - ΠΕΛΟΠΟΝΕΣ

Β' ΟΜΑΔΑ

ΕΣΠΕΡΕ - ΚΑΙΟΤΟΝ ΧΙΑ - ΚΑΙΟΤΟΝ ΥΩΝ - ΜΟΡΦΙΣΙΑΛΟΚ - ΣΥΜΠΕΡΙΣΤΑΣΗ

Γ' ΟΜΑΔΑ

ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΣ - ΚΩΝ - ΠΑΝΑΘΗΝΑΙΟΣ - ΠΥΘΑΓΟΡΑΣ - ΑΣΚΟΤ ΒΑΙΝΑ

Δ' ΟΜΑΔΑ

ΔΟΡΑ ΓΙΑΡ ΑΒΙΑ - ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ - ΚΩΦΑΝΤ - ΚΑΡΑΙΝΑ - Α' ΚΩΦΟΙ

ΕΠΙΣΕ 6 ΝΟΜΕΡΗ 1983 Η ΣΑΡΑΦΗ

Είς τό ποό Νοέμβριο 1983 θα άρχισεί τό β'

Ελληνικό Κύπελλο στο DOUG DENVER RESERVE McDONALD STN. ΜΟΡΦΙΣΙΑΛΟΚ και ή έπίσημη έναρξη θα γίνει στις 12.00 τό μεσημέρι παρουσία έπισημών και άνθρώπων των Μέσων Ενημέρωσης.

ΠΡΟΚΡΙΜΑΤΙΚΟΙ ΑΓΩΝΕΣ ΓΥΠΕΛΛΟ No 1

Η In άγωνιστική ημέρα των προκριματικών άγώνων έχει ως έξης:

1.00 ΗΡΑΚΛΗΣ - ΚΩΦΑΝΤ
2.30 ΕΛΛΑΣ - ΜΑΛΑΞΕΝ
4.00 ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΣ - ΚΩΝ
5.30 ΠΑΝΑΘΗΝΑΙΟΣ - ΠΥΘΑΓΟΡΑΣ

ΓΥΠΕΛΛΟ No 2

1.00 ΕΣΠΕΡΕ - ΚΑΙΟΤΟΝ ΧΙΑ
2.30 ΚΑΙΟΤΟΝ ΥΩΝ - ΜΟΡΦΙΣΙΑΛΟΚ
4.00 ΔΟΡΑ - ΑΘΗΝΑΙΟΣ
5.30 ΠΕΛΟΠΟΝΕΣ - Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ

Όλοι οι προκριματικοί άγώνες θα έχουν διάρκεια 70 λεπτά.

Οι συναντήσεις των προημιτελικών και των ημιτελικών θα είναι από 90 λεπτά.

Η είσοδος θα είναι 3.00 δολ. και παιδιά κάτω από 16 καβάς και συνταξιούχοι δέν θα πληρώνουν.

Τό πέρασμα θα νοστιέζει 50 σέντες.

ΕΛΛΑΣ - ΕΝΩΣΗ ΠΟΝΤΙΩΝ 5-0

Σε φιλική συνάντηση ποό έγινε την περασμένη Τετάρτη στο Μίντιλ Πάρκ ή Έλλάς ποό έπλητ Αθήν έλλά μόνο με νεαρούς παίκτες ποό όποιους προπονή ο Τζιμ Άρμστρονγκ, νίκησε την Ένωση Ποντίων 5-0.

Άς σημειωθεί ότι ή πρωταθλήτρια ποό Ένωση Αθην άντεξε μέχρι τό 65' και είχε τό άποτέλεσμα ίσοπαλο.

ΣΥΚΑΡΙΤΗΝ ΔΙΑΠΙΣΤΩΣΗ

Τό γνωρίζουμε ότι ή στήλη διατάσσεται και με τό παραπάνω έλλά με τον ποό ποό έκδηλώνονται μερικοί - μερικοί μας κάνει να αίσθανόμαστε άσχημα καλότερα.

Τό να γράφει ή στήλη για ένα... "λόρος" και αλλοτρία άδριόστο και να τσιμπάει τό με λεπτοδία και να πεί ότι άδύνα και με ύπονομενα αυτός ποό έχει την μύνα... αυτιά-έται. και κάτι άδύνα ή στήλη θα συνεχιστεί να άναφέρεται σε πρωτεργάτες όπως ήταν ο κ.Μα-

γκιπούλας ή όπως είναι ο κ. Παπαδόβας ή ο κ.Κουλούπουλος και ο κ. Άνεζάκης.

Στόν τελευταίο φυσικά άναφέρθηκε πύδ πολύ γιατί είναι πλέον γνωστή ή ιστορία της άλλαγής ποό προπονητή καβάς και τό άτομα έκείνα ποό πήγαν να κάνουν τό πρακτικόπομα σε βάρος του και να τον άνατρέφουν.

Φυσικά οι άνθρωποι άσπρησαν μόνοι τους και ήλν έχαστηκαν.

Πάντως ή ρεαλιστία ποό έβρισκε άκριβάς έμεινε και σε μία μερίδα ποό τύπου με μερικούς άσπιδες ποό τώρα κατέπαιαν την γλώσσα τους γιατί δέν ήθελαν μόνο τό κακό ποό Άνεζάκης έλλά της Έλλάς.

Νά λοιπόν γιατί άναφερόταν και άναφέρεται ή στήλη στόν κ. Άνεζάκη ποό τό όνομα του ποό στέκεται όμοιος στόν λαμβ, άπλοδυστατα τό τό καλό της Έλλάς.

Τό ίδιο θα γίνεται και άν όπαι έκανε την άλλαγή ποό τεχνικό ο Άλέξανδρος βρισκόνταν μερικοί με τά έβραζαν με τον έκανότατο κ.Κουλούπουλο.

Δέν ύπάρξε όμως έκει καμμία σοβαρή διαφωνία.

Αλλά για μερικούς ποό δέν κατέζαζον την προπό των σωματείων μας έλλά τά προσοπικά τους.

ΠΡΙΑ ΕΛΛΗΝΟΧΩΙΑ ΤΟΥ ΠΡΟΤΕΥΚΑΝ

Τρία Ελληνόπουλα φέτος πήραν μία έξαιρετική διάκριση και έλέξει να τά άναφέρουμε για μία άόμα σοφή.

Πρόκειται για τον Έβστα Κιάκο ποό Ώληλ ή όποιος ήρθε πρώτος παίκτης στην Γ' κατηγορία ποό Μετροπολιταν Αθην, τον όρνεν Δημητρίου ποό ήταν ο πρώτος παίκτης στην Α' κατηγορία ποό Προβίλεια Αθην και τον Βασίλ ή Γκατζελή ποό άναδείχθηκε πρώτος παίκτης στην Β' ποό Προβίλεια Αθην.

Έπίσης ή Γένιος Βοζίκης ποό Ήρακλή ήρθε την 3η θέση ποό έπλητ Αθην. και στούς παίκτες έλλά και στούς συλλόγους τους ή στήλη ποό άπευθύνει θεομά συχαρητήρια.

ΧΟΡΥΤΗ Η ΔΟΡΑ ΓΙΑΡΑΒΙΑ

Είς τό ποό Νοέμβριο ή Δόρα Γιάραβιλ ή πρωταθλήτρια της Α' ποό Προβίλεια δίνει τον έπτιστο χορό της. Για πληροφορίες τηλεφωνήστε στόν πρόεδρο κ. Άθανάσιου 682068.

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Για τό Κύπελλο Αυστραλίας και στόν ένα από τους ημιτελικούς άγώνες ο Άλέξανδρος και ή Έλλάς θα τεθούν άντιμέτωποι την Κυριακή και ώρα 3.00 π.μ. στο Όλμπικ Πάρκ για να διεκδικήσουν την είσοδό τους στόν τελικό.

Έτσι και οι δύο ομάδες μας άπό και φέτος έχασαν τό τραύμα για την κατέκτηση ποό τίτλου, τώρα θα καλάρουν για να διακριθούν στο Κύπελλο.

Η στήλη εύχεται και στούς δύο άντιπάλους καλή έπιτυχία και πάνω άπ' όλα να δούν οι φίλαθλοι ένα άληθινό ντέρμπυ.

ΜΠΕΡΑΒΟ ΑΛΕΞΑΝΔΡΟΣ ΚΑΙ ΤΑΝΤΥ

Δεν είναι ίλιγο αυτό ποό κατέφερε ο Τζιμ Τάντυ στις όκτώ βδομάδες ποό πήρε τον Άλέξα νδρο στο χέρια του.

Συνεκρομένης ο φιλότιμος παίκτης και προπονητής πήρε 6 νίκες και 2 ίσοπαλίες. Είγουμε οι έπνεσθονοι ποό συλλόγοι θα πρέπει στη νέα σαιζόν να σκεφθούν πολύ πριν άποφασίσουν για την ήγεια ποό Μέγα στόν τεχνικό τομά.

Πάντως ή νίκη ποό Μέγα επί ποό Νιοβισαλ έπέδειξε ότι ή ομάδα βρήκε τον καλό της έαυτο.

Στην συνάντηση της περασμένης Κυριακής όσοι βρέθηκαν στο γήπεδο άβ θυμούνται για ποό τό όυετρο τέρας ποό πέτυχε ο Ντέρικ Λή στο 53' με κεφαλιά ποό ήταν σπάνίο σε έπέλεση, ως έπίσης και την εύκαιρία ποό έχασε ο Κώλ στο 66' όταν ο σούτ ποό Λή ή μπάλλα πήγαινε στο δίχτυ και ο Κώλ σε κενό τέρας πέρασε και την... σούταρε έπλά άουτ.

ΠΡΟΤΟΣ ΕΚΟΡΕ Ο ΜΠΑΟΥΝ ΤΗΣ ΕΛΛΑΣ

Ο Νάγκ Μπρόουν πέτυχε και τά δύο τέρας τα στόν άγώνα της Έλλάς με την έλινος στο Μπριόμπαν και με τό 16 ποό έπτασε με ρίσις και τον τίτλο ποό Ιου σκόρερ στο Έθνικό πρωτέλλημα Αυστραλίας.



NATIONAL SOCCER CUP SEMI-FINAL SOUTH MELBOURNE v HEIDELBERG UNITED



South Melbourne Hellas midfielder strongman Carl Halford.

Kick-Off-Time 3.00 pm (Approx)

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Charlie Yankos of Heidelberg and Australia -- No. 1 defender in the NSL.

MARCONI v SYDNEY OLYMPIC



Marconi stars Mark Jankovics (left) and Tommy McCulloch (centre).

ST GEORGE STADIUM
3.00 pm
THIS SUNDAY



Peter Katholos (right), the 1982 Australian Player of the Year. He'll be Sydney Olympic's trump card against Marconi.

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The above mentioned games will be played at Olympic Park No. 1 ground this Sunday in the following sequence:

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Player of the Year CON KIAKOS — South Oakleigh

2nd GAME — SEMI FINAL — National Soccer League
Kick-Off 3.00 pm (approx)
HEIDELBERG UNITED v SOUTH MELBOURNE

3rd GAME — FINAL — DOCKERTY CUP Kick-Off
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